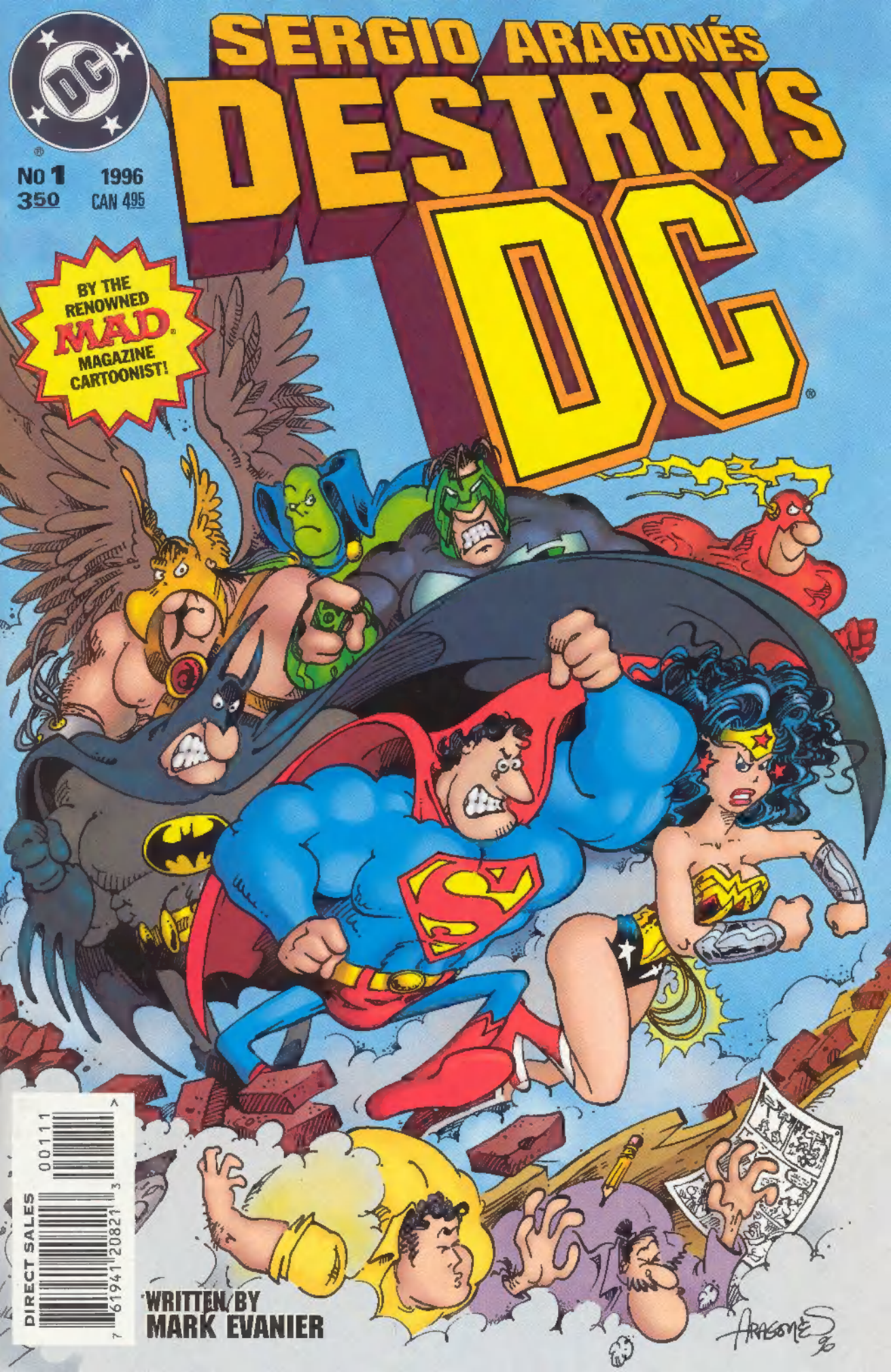
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THE NIGHT IS AS COLD AS A REPUBLICAN'S HEART...BUT AS BARREN AS A DEMOCRATIC VICTORY PARTY...
DOWN THE STREET, HE WANDERS. THE OVERCOAT IS BECAUSE HE IS A VISITOR FROM ANOTHER WORLD, SEEKING TO CONCEAL HIS IDENTITY...
...OR MAYBE BECAUSE HE'S A FLASHER... OR BOTH...
SUDDENLY, IT PIERCES THE AIR...
ARAAAA
A CRY OF AGONY...
I HAVE NOT HEARD PAIN LIKE THAT SINCE THE LAST MICHAEL BOLTON CONCERT...
BUT FORTUNATELY FOR WHOEVER IT IS, J'ONN J'ONZZ, THE MANHUNTER* FROM MARS IS NEARBY...
I ALWAYS ANSWER WHEN I HEAR A CRY OF DISTRESS --
*Not to be confused with the 347 other characters named "MANHUNTER" in the DC Universe.
-- UNLESS, OF COURSE, THEY YELL, FIRE!
HE RUSHES TO HELP -- TIPPING US ALL OFF THAT HE IS NOT OF THIS PLANET...
IT CAME FROM THIS ALLEY...
...BUT I DO NOT SEE THE ONE WHO SCREAMED!
AND THAT IS WHEN HE SEES HIM: THE COWERING, TERRIFIED VICTIM WHO CRIED OUT IN DISTRESS...
IT'S... IT'S YOU!

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THIS IS A SUPER-HERO STORY... OR, AT LEAST, I THINK IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A SUPER-HERO STORY...
YOU DON'T DO THIS KIND OF ARTWORK!
IS ABOUT TIME I STARTED, MARK!
NO MORE DRAWING IN MARGINS OF MAD MAGAZINE FOR ME! I NOW BIG-TIME SUPER-HERO DRAWING PERSON!
WELL, IF THAT DOESN'T KILL OFF THE GENRE, NOTHING WILL.
CARE TO EXPLAIN WHY?
I TELL YOU! I GO TO OFFICES OF DC COMICS OTHER DAY...
HOLA! I AM PROFESSIONAL CARTOONIST! WANT ME TO DRAW COMICS FOR YOU?
TAKE A SEAT AND WAIT.
MAD
GROO
Pop!
SO I WAIT. AND I WAIT AND I WAIT AND I WAIT...
...THEN I WAIT SOME MORE...

GO RIGHT ON IN.
THANKS.
UNO MOMENTO, SEÑORITA! WHY IS IT I MUST WAIT BUT YOU LET LITTLE BOY RIGHT ON IN?
I HAVE TO. HE DRAWS THREE BOOKS FOR US.
I KNOW WHEN I BE INSULTED AND I THINK I BE NOW!
SORRY, SIR. IT'S MY JOB TO KEEP OUT FANS, ASPIRING WRITERS AND ARTISTS, SPIES FROM MARVEL, AND AMWAY SALESPERSONS.
ALSO, OF COURSE, ANYONE WHO EVER WORKED ON GROO.
I FIGURE THEY KEEP ME WAITING BECAUSE I NO DRAW SUPER-HEROES...
SO, FROM NOW ON, I DRAW SUPER-HEROES!
I DRAW ONE OF EVERY DC COMIC! I PROVE THAT I AM GEORGE PEREZ, ROLLED INTO ONE! DC HIRE ME AND THEN YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPEN?
THE WHOLE COMPANY WILL BE A CHAIN OF THAI RESTAURANTS BY WEDNESDAY.
I DRAW PAGES, YOU WRITE DIALOGUE!
ME? WHY DO I HAVE TO SACRIFICE MY CAREER? -- WHAT LITTLE OF ONE I MAY HAVE?
YOU DO WORDS OR I TELL WHOLE WORLD YOU WROTE FOR BAY CITY ROLLERS!
WE START WITH SUPERMAN STORY...

SUPERMAN
FASTER THAN A SPEEDING BUILDING! MORE POWERFUL THAN A BULLET! ABLE TO LEAP TALL LOCOMOTIVES IN A SINGLE BOUND! (WAIT A MINUTE -- THAT'S NOT RIGHT...) WELL, ANYWAY, IT'S...
YES, SUPERMAN... STRANGE VISITOR FROM ANOTHER PLANET, WHO CAME TO EARTH IN SPITE OF PAT BUCHANAN'S IMMIGRATION POLICIES...
...WITH POWERS AND ABILITIES FAR GREATER THAN WIMPS WHO READ COMIC BOOKS...
SUPERMAN... WHO CAN CHANGE THE COURSE OF MIGHTY RIVERS... BEND STEEL IN HIS -- AW, YOU ALL KNOW HOW THIS GOES...
LET'S JUST GET ON WITH THE STORY...
OJA
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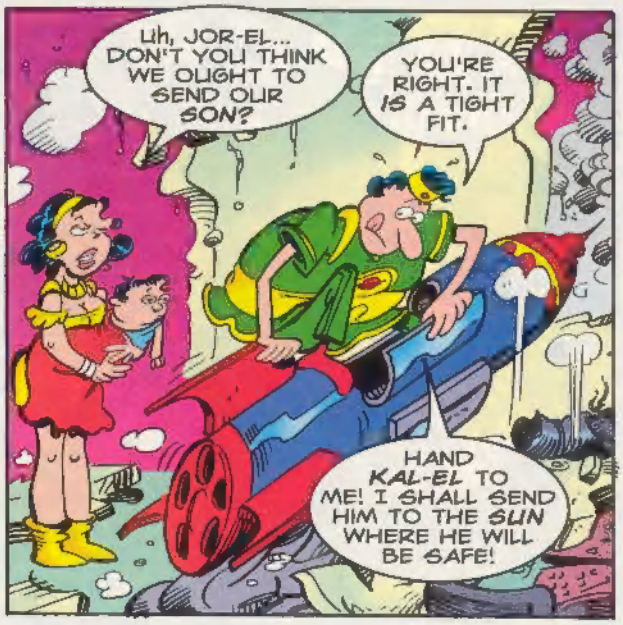
LONG AGO IN A DISTANT GALAXY...
(YEAH, WE KNOW YOU KNOW THIS PART, TOO. BUT IT HASN'T BEEN RETOLD IN AT LEAST THREE WEEKS...)
ANYWAY, ON THE PLANET KRYPTON, SCIENTIST JOR-EL HAD A PROBLEM...
THE WORLD WILL END TOMORROW
THEY LAUGHED AT ME, LARA! I WENT BEFORE THE SCIENCE COUNCIL AND THEY LAUGHED AT ME!
MAYBE YOU SHOULD HAVE WORN PANTS.
I KNOW KRYPTON IS ABOUT TO EXPLODE!
MY RESEARCH TELLS ME... MY CALCULATIONS TELL ME...
EVEN MY PSYCHIC HOTLINE ADVISED ME TO TRAVEL!
FORGET ABOUT THEM, JOR-EL! WE CAN STILL ESCAPE IN THE ROCKET YOU ARE BUILDING! ARE YOU SURE WE HAVE THE TIME?
I HAVE CALCULATED THE IMPENDING DEMISE ON KRYPTON AND I AM ABSOLUTELY CONFIDENT WE HAVE TIME TO BUILD THE ROCKET!
OF COURSE, I COULD BE WRONG...

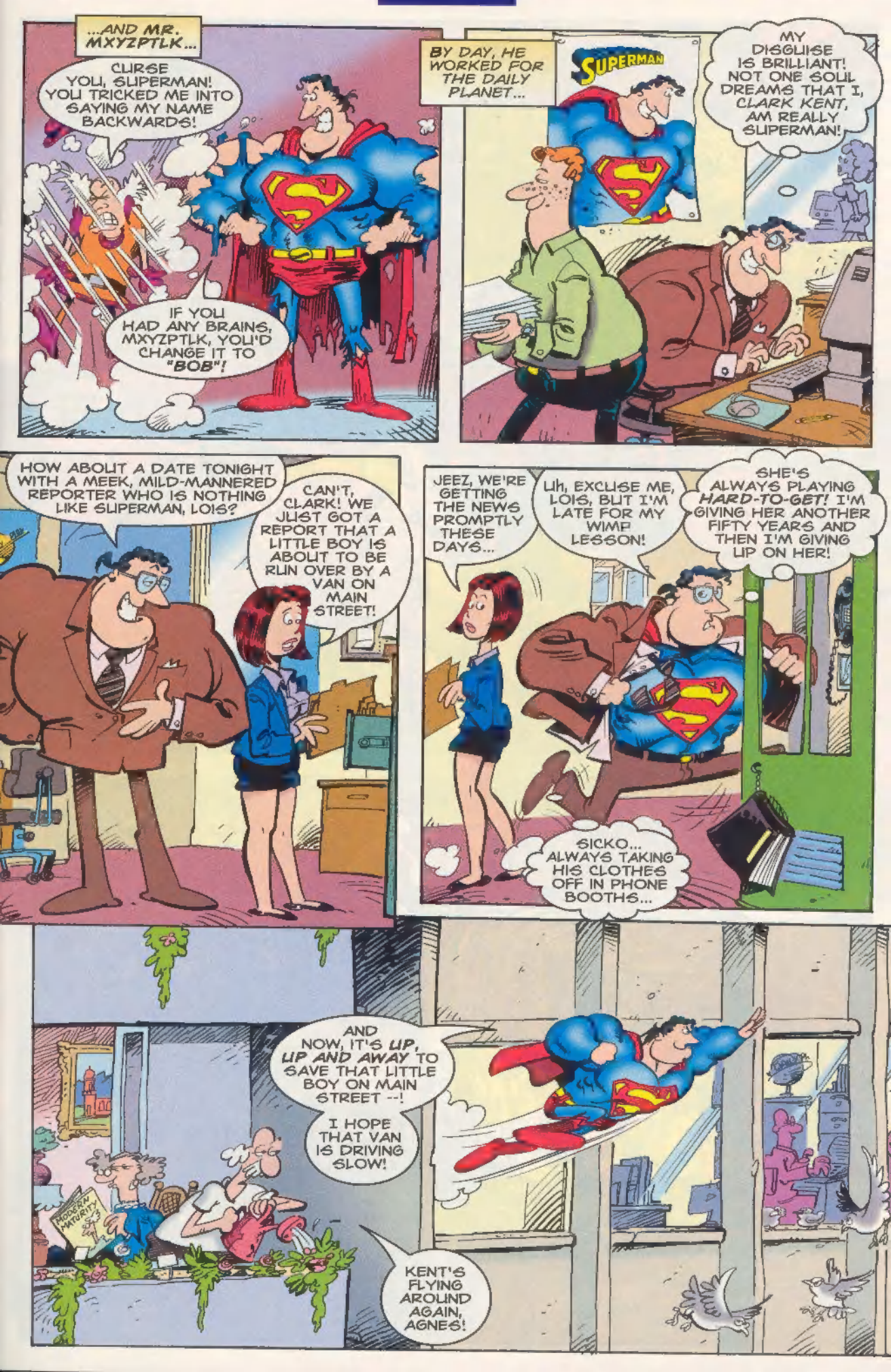
FORTUNATELY, I DID COMPLETE A WORKING MODEL ROCKET SO ONE OF US CAN ESCAPE --

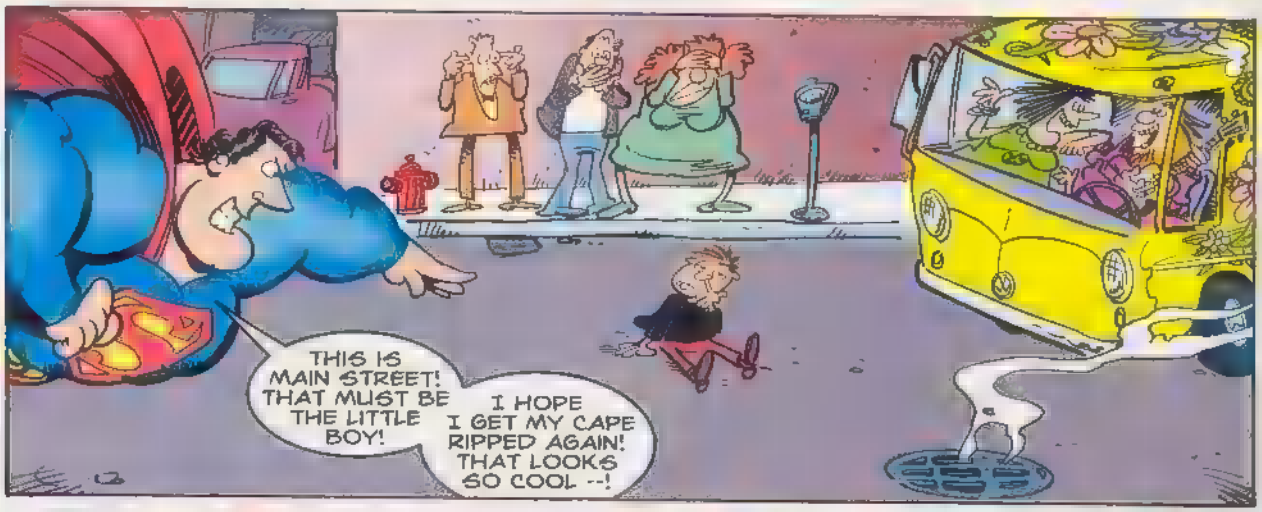

Uh, JOR-EL... DON'T YOU THINK WE OUGHT TO SEND OUR SON?
YOU'RE RIGHT. IT IS A TIGHT FIT.
HAND KAL-EL TO ME! I SHALL SEND HIM TO THE SUN WHERE HE WILL BE SAFE!

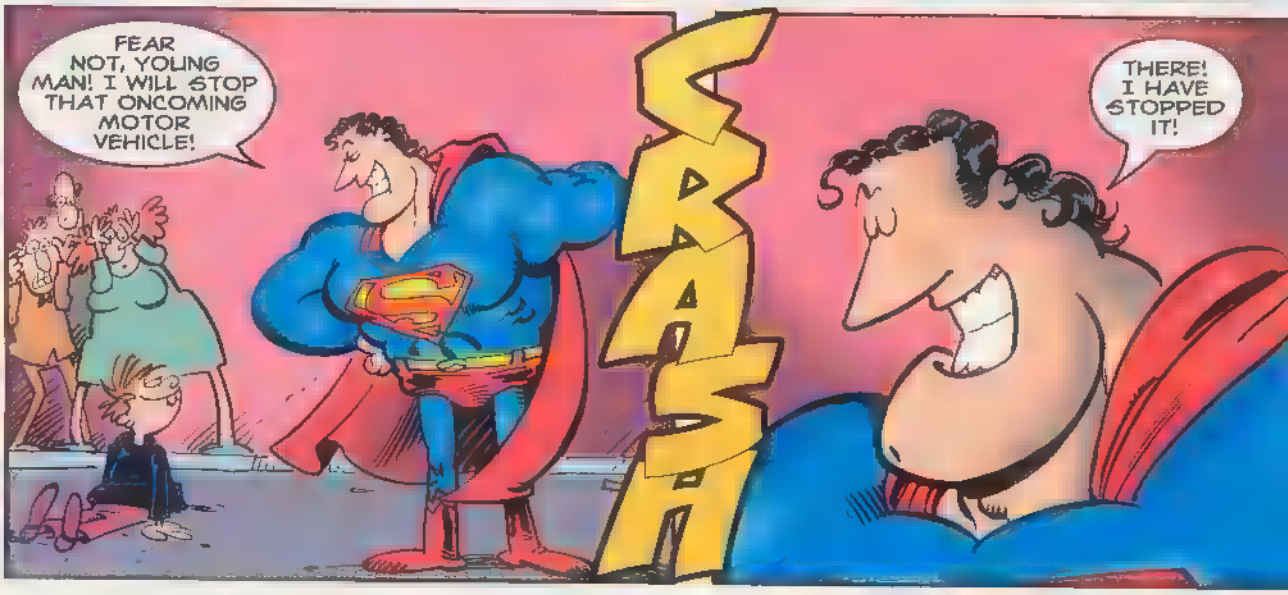
THE SUN? BUT THE TEMPERATURE OF THE SUN IS TWENTY MILLION DEGREES!
I THOUGHT OF THAT! I'M GOING TO SEND HIM AT NIGHT!
ALL RIGHT... FORGET ABOUT THE SUN! I SHALL SEND KAL-EL TO EARTH!

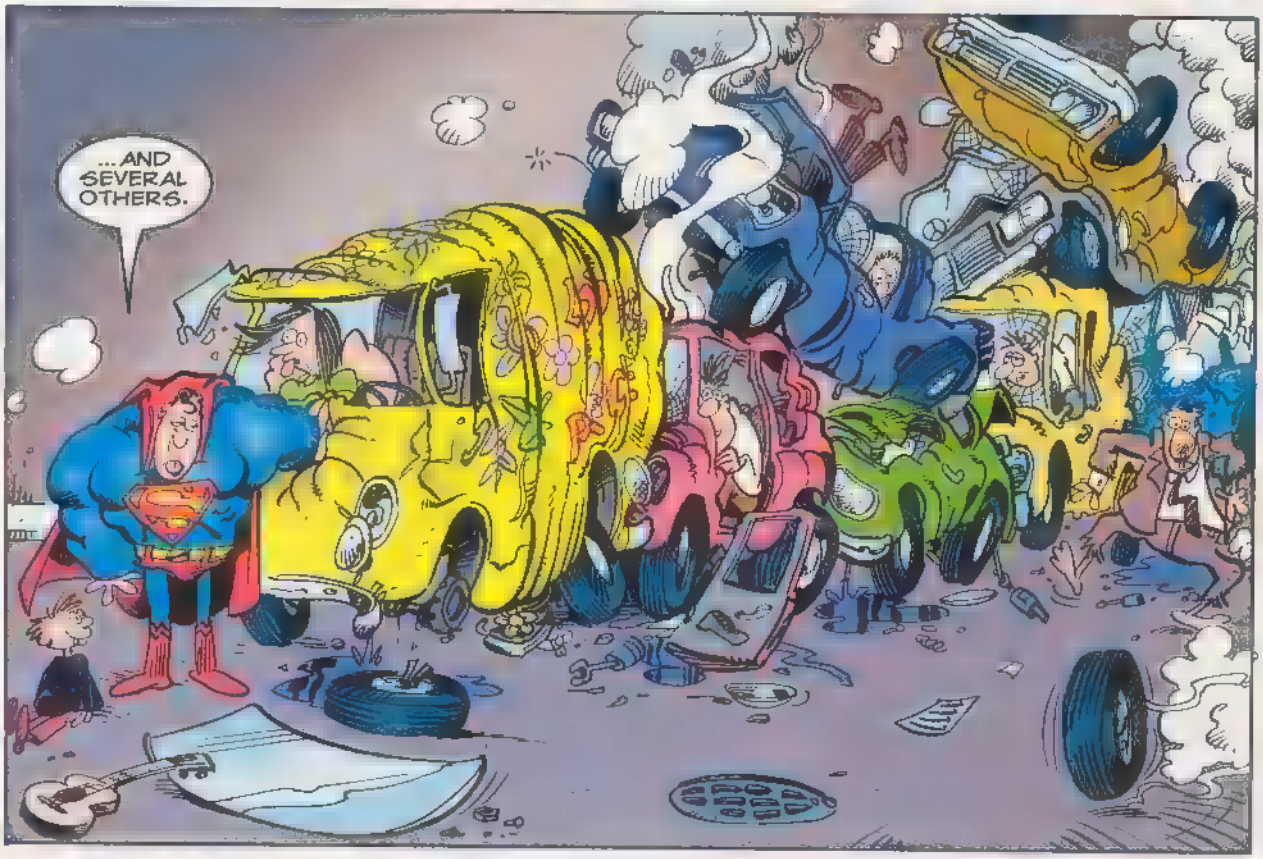
WORK FOR FOOD
NEWS TV
EARTH, Huh ---?
I THINK HE'D BE SAFER ON THE SUN!

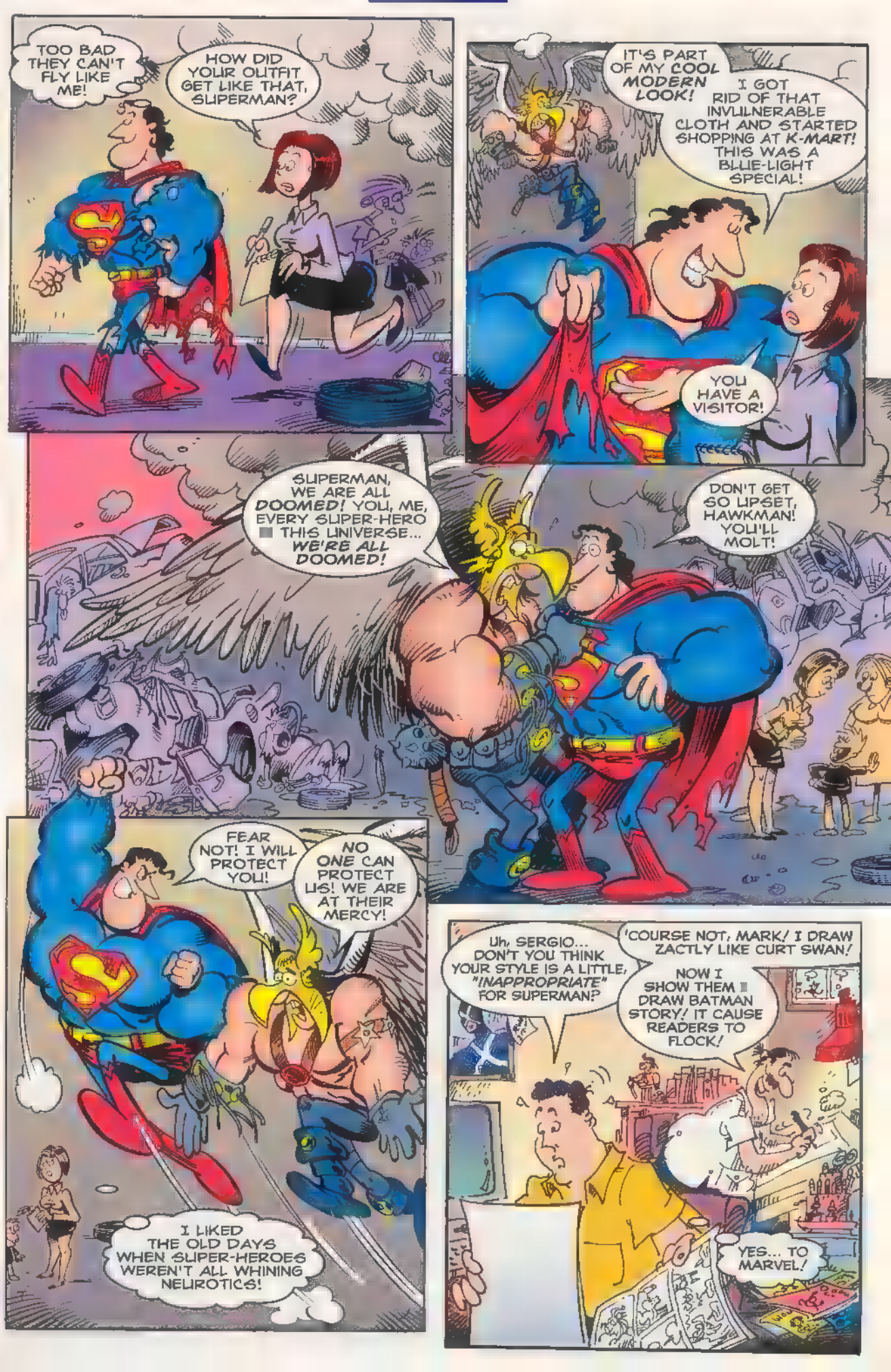
BUT SEND HIM SOME-WHERE!
ALL RIGHT...
BUT I STILL THINK I COULD HAVE SQUEEZED INTO THAT THING.
AND SO, JOR-EL LAUNCHED THE TINY ROCKET INTO SPACE...
THE WORLD WILL END TOMORROW
GEE... I ONLY MISSED IT BY ONE DAY!
I WONDER WHAT WILL BECOME OF OUR SON...
Oh, HE WILL PROBABLY LAND ON EARTH WHERE HE WILL BE FOUND AND ADOPTED BY A KINDLY OLD COUPLE WHO WILL SOON FIND HE IS POSSESSED OF EXTRAORDINARY POWERS...
HE WILL GROW UP TO BE A FEARLESS CRIME FIGHTER AND HAVE HIS OWN COMIC BOOK AND MOVIES AND TV SHOW!
I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT...
MOMENTS LATER, THE PLANET OF KRYPTON EXPLODES --
-- BUT THE LAD IS ALREADY WELL ON HIS WAY TO EARTH...
-- WHERE THINGS TURN OUT PRETTY MUCH AS JOR-EL FIGURED. HE FOUGHT VILLAINS LIKE LEX LUTHOR...
GREAT KRYPTON, LUTHOR!
I HATE YOU, SUPERMAN! I AM FABULOUSLY BRILLIANT AND WEALTHY...
BUT I HATE YOU AND AFTER I DESTROY YOU, I'M GOING AFTER THE ONES I REALLY HATE --
-- THE HAIR CLUB FOR MEN!


...AND MR. MXYZPTLK...
CURSE YOU, SUPERMAN! YOU TRICKED ME INTO SAYING MY NAME BACKWARDS!
IF YOU HAD ANY BRAINS, MXYZPTLK, YOU'D CHANGE IT TO "BOB"!
BY DAY, HE WORKED FOR THE DAILY PLANET...
SUPERMAN
MY DISGUISE IS BRILLIANT! NOT ONE SOUL DREAMS THAT I, CLARK KENT, AM REALLY SUPERMAN!
HOW ABOUT A DATE TONIGHT WITH A MEEK, MILD-MANNERED REPORTER WHO IS NOTHING LIKE SUPERMAN, LOIS?
CAN'T, CLARK! WE JUST GOT A REPORT THAT A LITTLE BOY IS ABOUT TO BE RUN OVER BY A VAN ON MAIN STREET!
JEEZ, WE'RE GETTING THE NEWS PROMPTLY THESE DAYS...
Uh, EXCUSE ME, LOIS, BUT I'M LATE FOR MY WIMP LESSON!
SHE'S ALWAYS PLAYING HARD-TO-GET! I'M GIVING HER ANOTHER FIFTY YEARS AND THEN I'M GIVING UP ON HER!
SICKO... ALWAYS TAKING HIS CLOTHES OFF IN PHONE BOOTHS...
AND NOW, IT'S UP, UP AND AWAY TO SAVE THAT LITTLE BOY ON MAIN STREET --!
I HOPE THAT VAN IS DRIVING SLOW!
KENT'S FLYING AROUND AGAIN, AGNES!


THIS IS MAIN STREET! THAT MUST BE THE LITTLE BOY!
I HOPE I GET MY CAPE RIPPED AGAIN! THAT LOOKS SO COOL --!


FEAR NOT, YOUNG MAN! I WILL STOP THAT ONCOMING MOTOR VEHICLE!
SMASH
THERE! I HAVE STOPPED IT!


...AND SEVERAL OTHERS.


TOO BAD THEY CAN'T FLY LIKE ME!
HOW DID YOUR OUTFIT GET LIKE THAT, SUPERMAN?
IT'S PART OF MY COOL MODERN LOOK!
I GOT RID OF THAT INVULNERABLE CLOTH AND STARTED SHOPPING AT K-MART! THIS WAS A BLUE-LIGHT SPECIAL!
YOU HAVE A VISITOR!
SUPERMAN, WE ARE ALL DOOMED! YOU, ME, EVERY SUPER-HERO ■ THIS UNIVERSE... WE'RE ALL DOOMED!
DON'T GET SO UPSET, HAWKMAN! YOU'LL MOLT!
FEAR NOT! I WILL PROTECT YOU!
NO ONE CAN PROTECT US! WE ARE AT THEIR MERCY!
I LIKED THE OLD DAYS WHEN SUPER-HEROES WEREN'T ALL WHINING NEUROTICS!
Uh, SERGIO... DON'T YOU THINK YOUR STYLE IS A LITTLE, "INAPPROPRIATE" FOR SUPERMAN?
'COURSE NOT, MARK! I DRAW ZACTLY LIKE CURT SWAN!
NOW I SHOW THEM ■ DRAW BATMAN STORY! IT CAUSE READERS TO FLOCK!
YES... TO MARVEL!

BATMAN

ONE NIGHT SOME FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, THOMAS WAYNE, HIS WIFE AND HIS SON WERE WALKING HOME FROM A MOVIE...

W-WHAT IS THIS?

YOU HAVE A WALLET, I HAVE A GUN, YOU'RE GIVING ME THE WALLET...

WHICH PART OF THE CONCEPT DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?

LEAVE HER ALONE, YOU! Oh, I SHOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT!

I SHOULD HAVE DONE THIS IN CALIFORNIA! NOBODY EVER GETS CONVICTED OF MURDER IN CALIFORNIA!

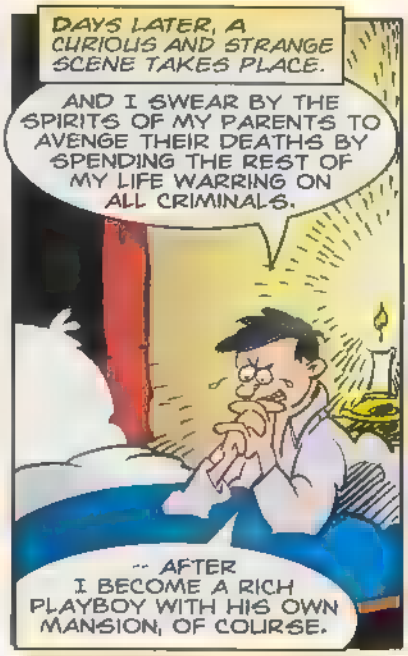
BLAM

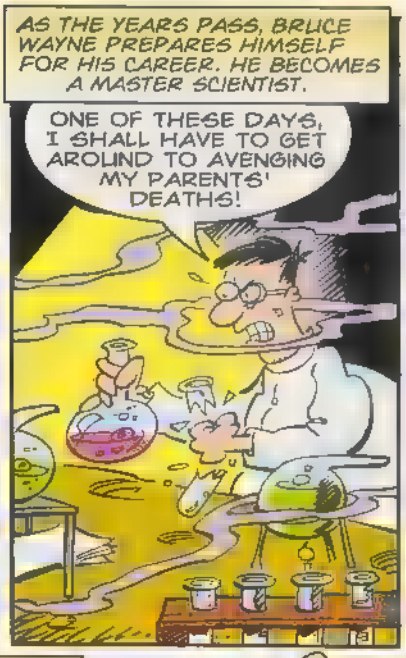
BLAM

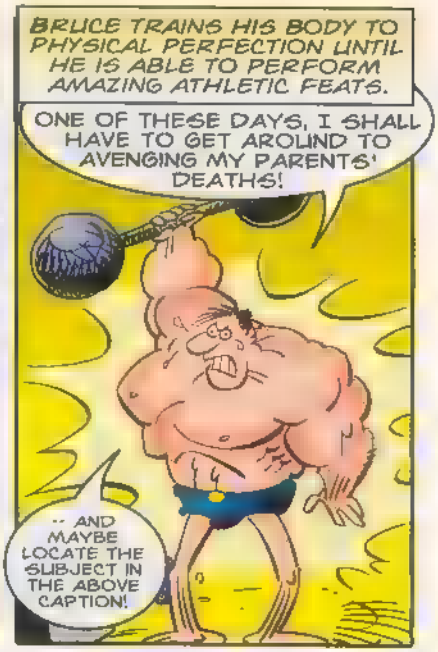
THE BOY'S EYES ARE WIDE WITH TERROR AND SHOCK AS THE HORRIBLE SCENE IS SPREAD BEFORE HIM...

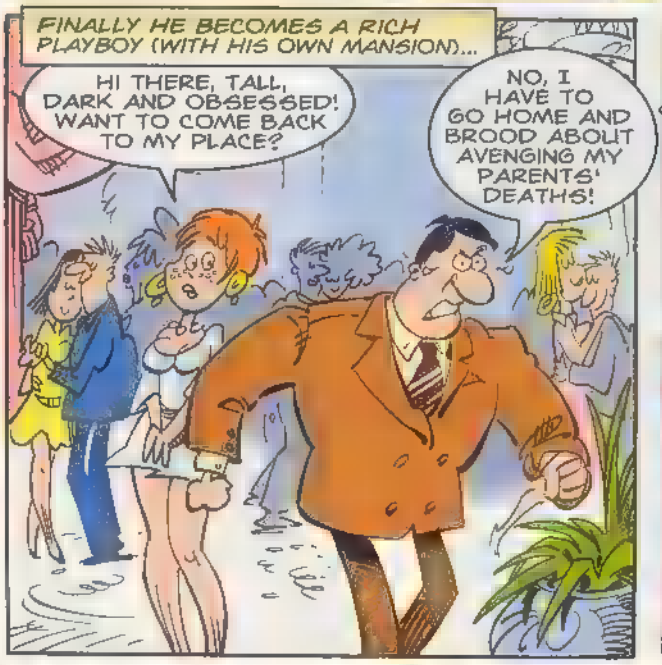
FATHER...MOTHER! THIS MOMENT SHALL BE A TURNING POINT IN MY LIFE!

AND A FLASHBACK IN AT LEAST EIGHTY-SEVEN COMICS A YEAR FOR THE NEXT HALF-CENTURY!


DAYS LATER, A CURIOUS AND STRANGE SCENE TAKES PLACE.
AND I SWEAR BY THE SPIRITS OF MY PARENTS TO AVENGE THEIR DEATHS BY SPENDING THE REST OF MY LIFE WARRING ON ALL CRIMINALS.
-- AFTER I BECOME A RICH PLAYBOY WITH HIS OWN MANSION, OF COURSE.


AS THE YEARS PASS, BRUCE WAYNE PREPARES HIMSELF FOR HIS CAREER. HE BECOMES A MASTER SCIENTIST.
ONE OF THESE DAYS, I SHALL HAVE TO GET AROUND TO AVENGING MY PARENTS' DEATHS!

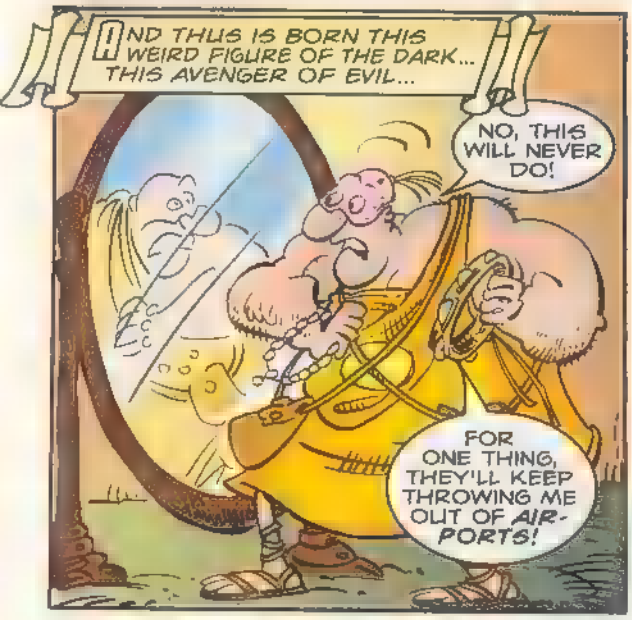

BRUCE TRAINS HIS BODY TO PHYSICAL PERFECTION UNTIL HE IS ABLE TO PERFORM AMAZING ATHLETIC FEATS.
ONE OF THESE DAYS, I SHALL HAVE TO GET AROUND TO AVENGING MY PARENTS' DEATHS!
-- AND MAYBE LOCATE THE SUBJECT IN THE ABOVE CAPTION!

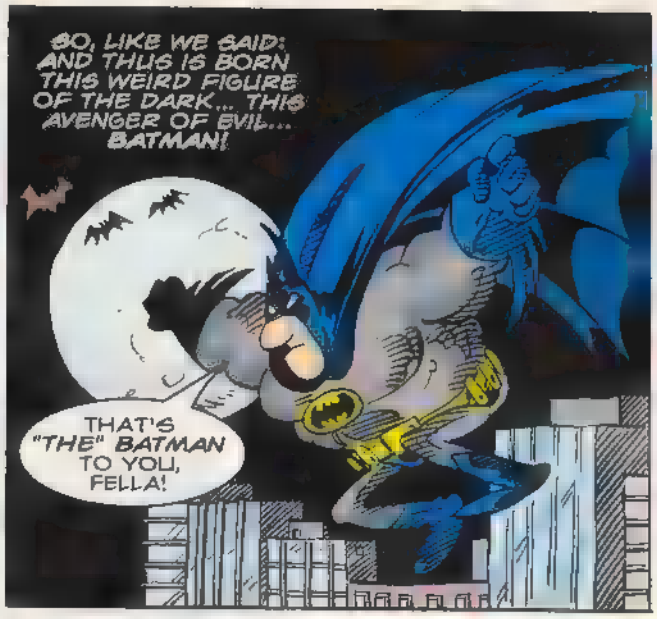

FINALLY HE BECOMES A RICH PLAYBOY (WITH HIS OWN MANSION)...
HI THERE, TALL, DARK AND OBSESSED! WANT TO COME BACK TO MY PLACE?
NO, I HAVE TO GO HOME AND BROOD ABOUT AVENGING MY PARENTS' DEATHS!

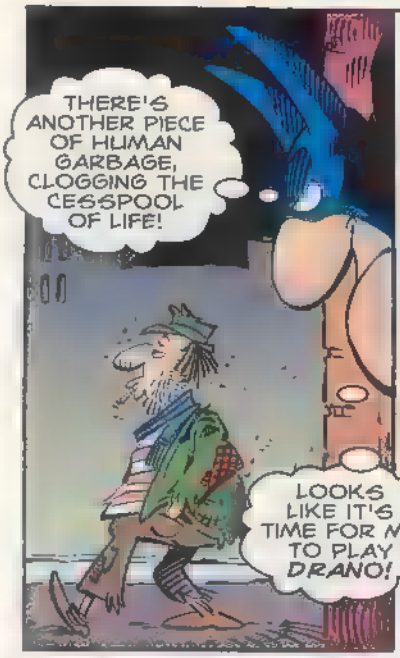
AND SO, IN A MOMENT NOT RECREATED IN A COMIC BOOK IN OVER TWENTY MINUTES...
DAD'S CHAIN OF SELF-SERVICE MASSAGE PARLORS LEFT ME WEALTHY. I AM READY. BUT FIRST I MUST HAVE A DISGUISE.

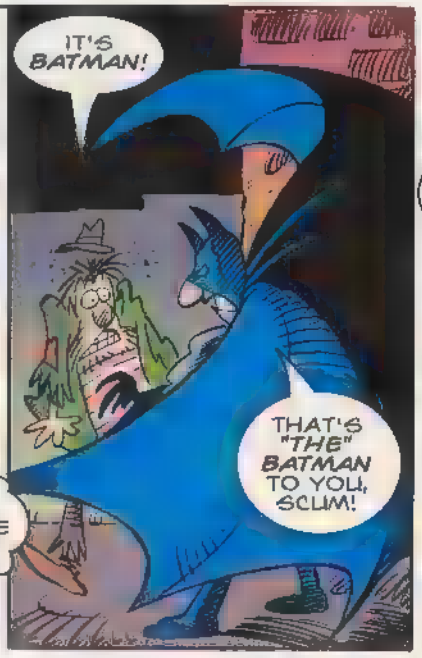
CRIMINALS ARE A SUPERSTITIOUS, COWARDLY LOT, SO MY DISGUISE MUST BE ABLE TO STRIKE TERROR INTO THEIR HEARTS.
ALSO, IT MUST IMPRESS THE BABES.

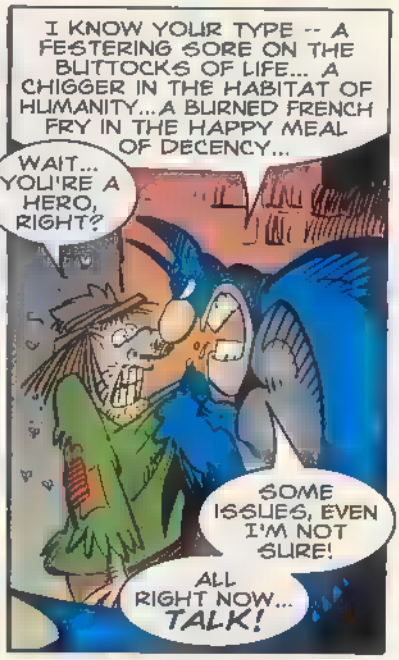
...AS IF IN ANSWER...
IT'S AN OMEN!

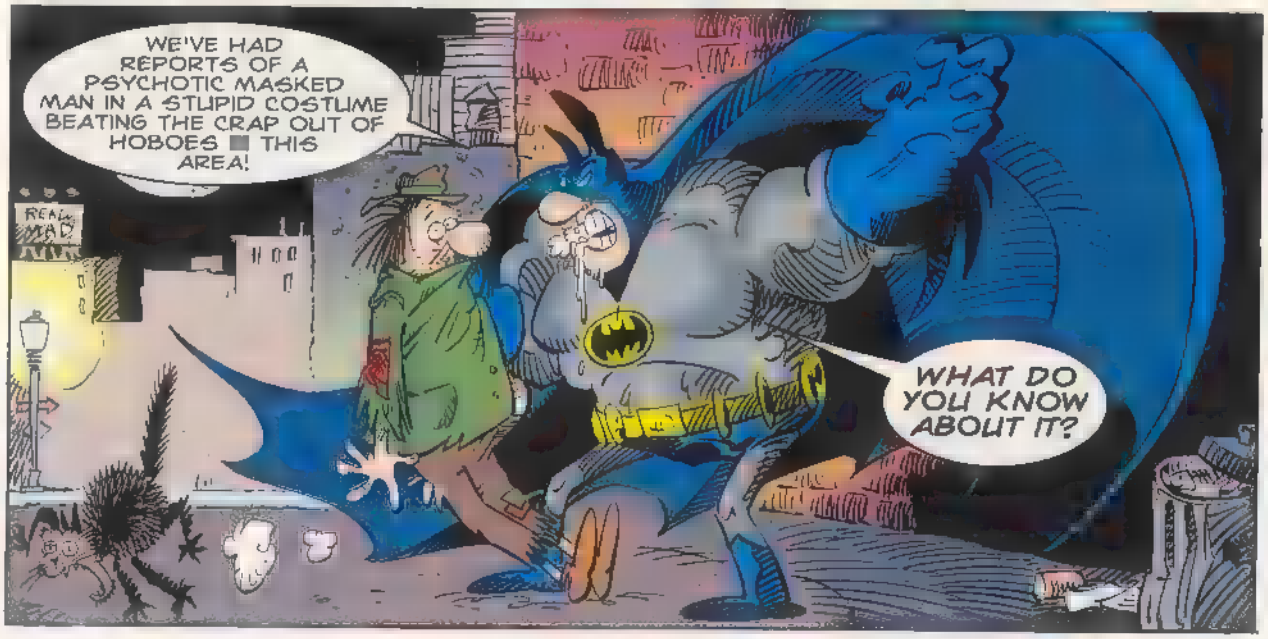

AND THUS IS BORN THIS WEIRD FIGURE OF THE DARK... THIS AVENGER OF EVIL...
NO, THIS WILL NEVER DO!
FOR ONE THING, THEY'LL KEEP THROWING ME OUT OF AIR-PORTS!

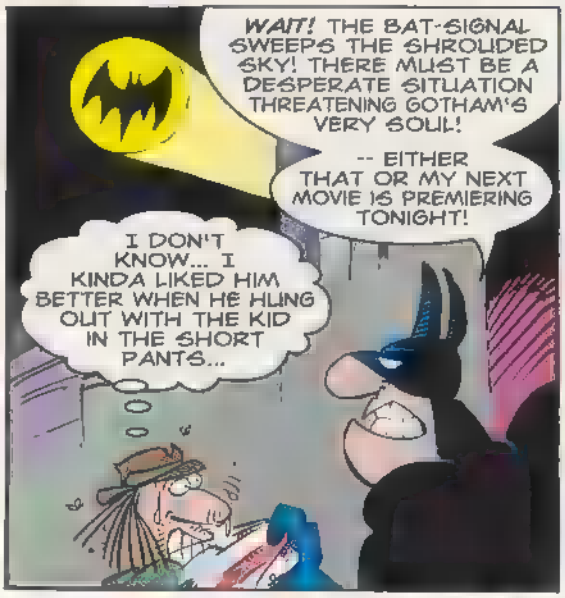

SO, LIKE WE SAID: AND THUS IS BORN THIS WEIRD FIGURE OF THE DARK... THIS AVENGER OF EVIL... BATMAN!
THAT'S "THE" BATMAN TO YOU, FELLA!

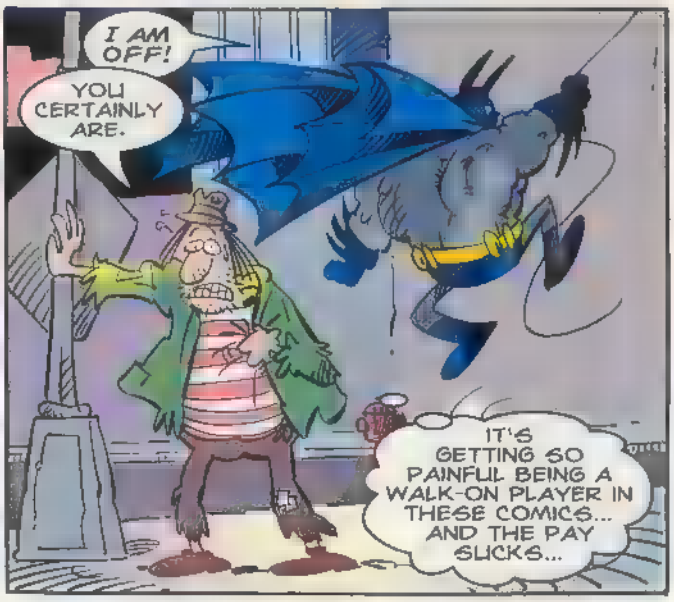

THERE'S ANOTHER PIECE OF HUMAN GARBAGE, CLOGGING THE CESSPOOL OF LIFE!
LOOKS LIKE IT'S TIME FOR ME TO PLAY DRANO!

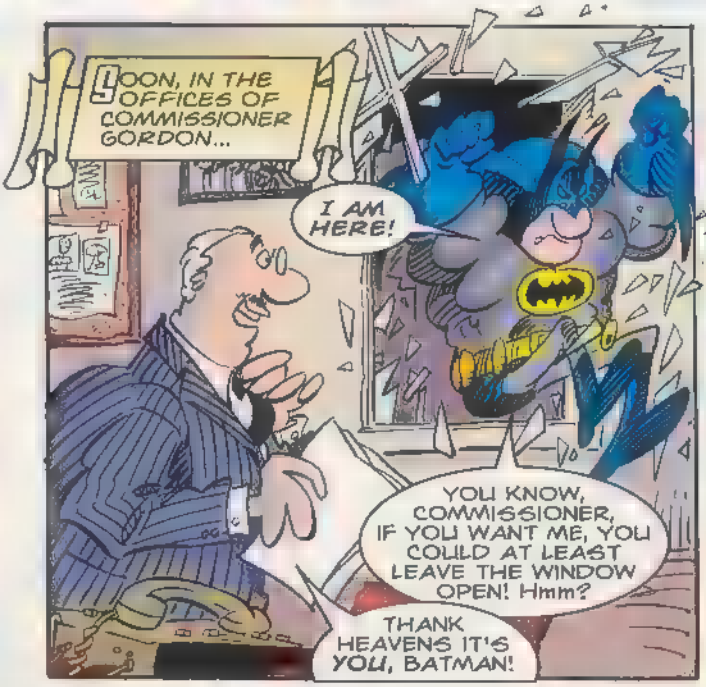

IT'S BATMAN!
THAT'S "THE" BATMAN TO YOU, SCUM!


I KNOW YOUR TYPE -- A FESTERING SORE ON THE BUTTOCKS OF LIFE... A CHIGGER IN THE HABITAT OF HUMANITY...A BURNED FRENCH FRY IN THE HAPPY MEAL OF DECENCY...
WAIT... YOU'RE A HERO, RIGHT?
SOME ISSUES, EVEN I'M NOT SURE!
ALL RIGHT NOW... TALK!


WE'VE HAD REPORTS OF A PSYCHOTIC MASKED MAN IN A STUPID COSTUME BEATING THE CRAP OUT OF HOBOES ■ THIS AREA!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?

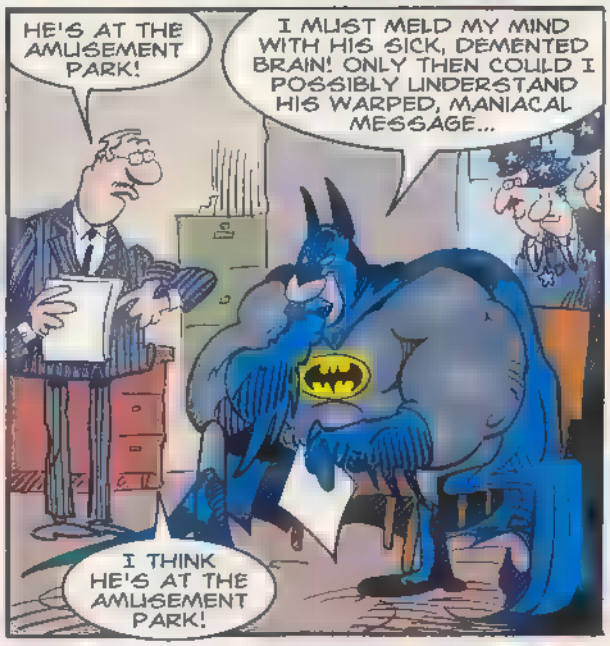

WAIT! THE BAT-SIGNAL SWEEPS THE SHROUDED SKY! THERE MUST BE A DESPERATE SITUATION THREATENING GOTHAM'S VERY SOUL!
-- EITHER THAT OR MY NEXT MOVIE IS PREMIERING TONIGHT!
I DON'T KNOW... I KINDA LIKED HIM BETTER WHEN HE HUNG OUT WITH THE KID IN THE SHORT PANTS...


I AM OFF!
YOU CERTAINLY ARE.
IT'S GETTING SO PAINFUL BEING A WALK-ON PLAYER IN THESE COMICS... AND THE PAY SUCKS...


SOON, IN THE OFFICES OF COMMISSIONER GORDON...
I AM HERE!
YOU KNOW, COMMISSIONER, IF YOU WANT ME, YOU COULD AT LEAST LEAVE THE WINDOW OPEN! Hmm?
THANK HEAVENS IT'S YOU, BATMAN!

THAT'S "THE" BATMAN TO YOU!
OF COURSE IT'S ME! WHO ELSE COMES ■ ANSWER TO THE BAT SIGNAL?
WELL, ADAM WEST AND BURT WARD KEEP SHOWING UP, TRYING TO SELL ME EMBARRASSING AUTO-BIOGRAPHIES...
BUT NEVER MIND THAT NOW! WE JUST RECEIVED THIS FROM... THE JOKER!

"DEAR BATMAN... I AM IN THE AMUSEMENT PARK AT 1738 GOTHAM DRIVE... YOURS TRULY, THE JOKER!"
Hmmm... MY EVERY INSTINCT TELLS ME THAT HE IS TRYING TO TELL ME SOMETHING! I MUST USE MY AWESOME DEDUCTIVE ABILITY TO FERRET OUT WHAT IT MIGHT BE!


HE'S AT THE AMUSEMENT PARK!
I MUST MELD MY MIND WITH HIS SICK, DEMENTED BRAIN! ONLY THEN COULD I POSSIBLY UNDERSTAND HIS WARPED, MANIACAL MESSAGE...
I THINK HE'S AT THE AMUSEMENT PARK!

FOR LONG HOURS, THE DARK KNIGHT PONDERS THE DEPTHS OF THE CRIMINAL MIND UNTIL, FINALLY...

I'VE GOT IT!

YOU WON'T BELIEVE THIS, COMMISSIONER, BUT I KNOW WITH EVERY FIBER OF MY BEING... THAT TWISTED VILLAIN IS WAITING FOR ME AT THE AMUSEMENT PARK!

I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DO IT, BATMAN...

EXCUSE ME -- "THE" BATMAN!

I SHALL NOT SLEEP UNTIL I GET MY HANDS ON THAT INSANE, SICK (DID I SAY "SICK" ALREADY?) PIECE OF FILTH!

I WILL DRAG HIM BACK AND THROW HIM IN PRISON SO HE CAN'T HURT ANYONE EVER AGAIN UNTIL NEXT ISSUE--!

WHAT A PUTZ.

THE ICY NIGHT AIR CRACKLES WITH THE SMELL OF IMMINENT DREAD AS THE CAPED ONE WANDERS THE DESERTED AMUSEMENT PARK...

...WITHOUT A WEAPON ...WITHOUT A FEAR... WITHOUT EVEN AN "E" TICKET...

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT OF SUCH A THING --?

A VILLAIN HIDING OUT IN AN ABANDONED AMUSEMENT PARK...

ALL RIGHT -- HE'S HERE SOMEWHERE, THAT TWISTED, MAD CRIMINAL GENIUS... Oh, WAIT! I ALREADY USED "TWISTED," TOO...

I WISH I'D BROUGHT MY THESAURUS!

SUDDENLY, HIS KEEN HEARING SENSES A FOOTSTEP AND MAKES A BRILLIANT DEDUCTION...

SIZE 27DD. MUST BE A CLOWN.

THERE YOU ARE, JOKER!

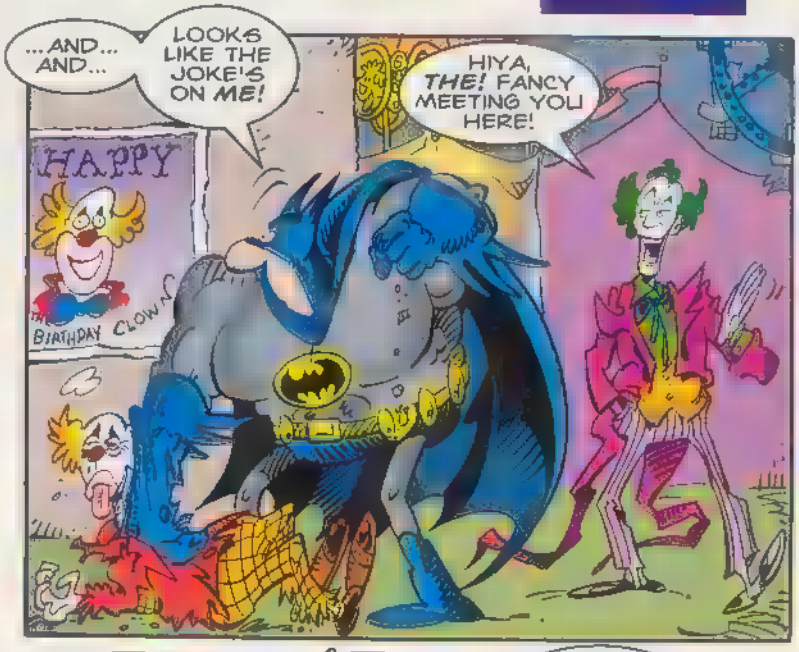
YOU INSANE, DEMENTED, SICK -- FORGIVE ME FOR REPEATING ADJECTIVES -- CREATURE!

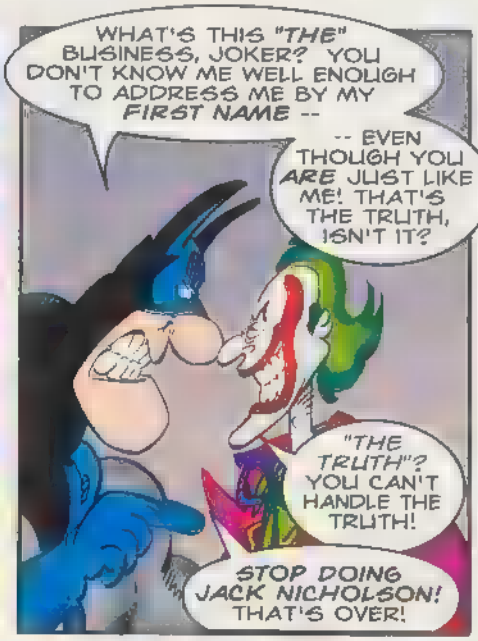
TAKE THIS!

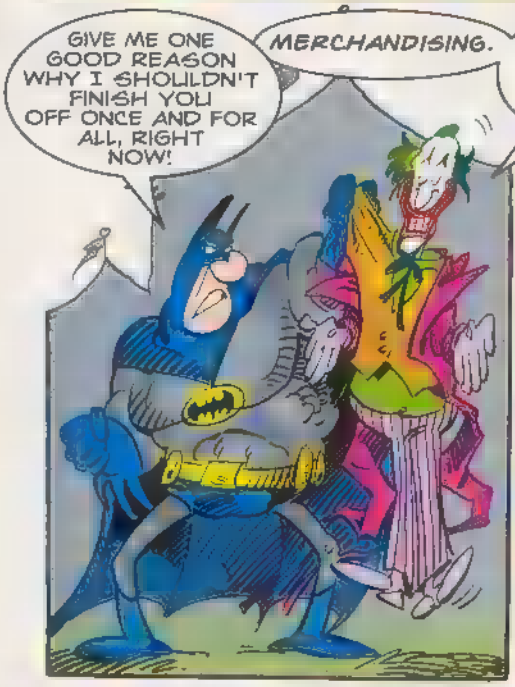
AND THIS!

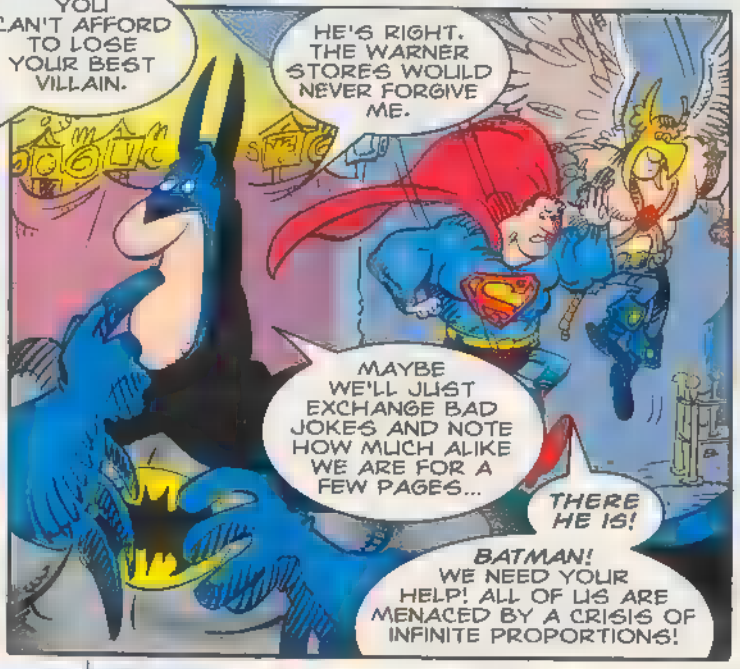
AND SOME OF THIS!

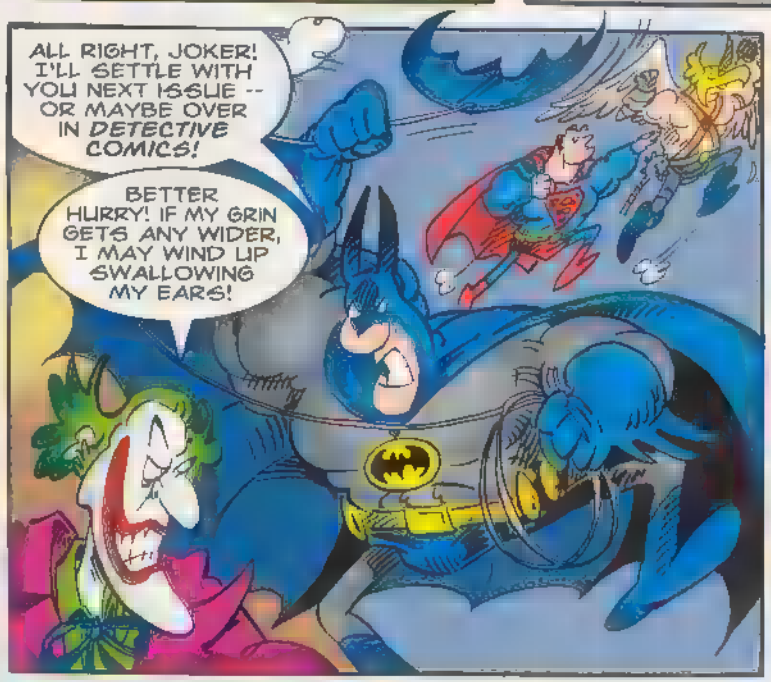
AND A LOT OF THIS AND...

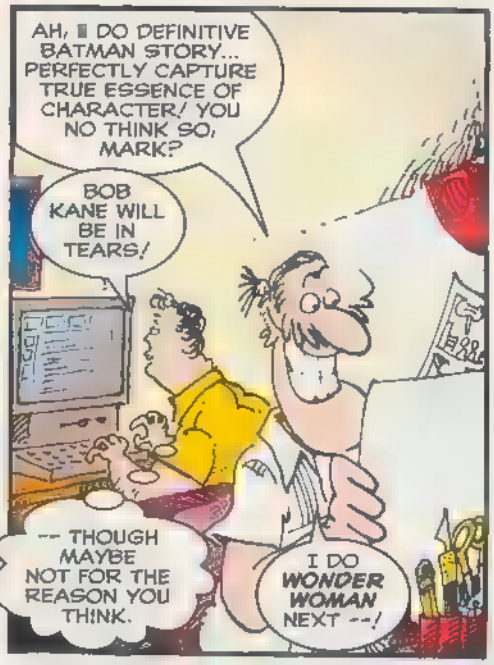

...AND... AND...
LOOKS LIKE THE JOKE'S ON ME!
HIYA, THE! FANCY MEETING YOU HERE!
HAPPY
BIRTHDAY CLOWN


WHAT'S THIS "THE" BUSINESS, JOKER? YOU DON'T KNOW ME WELL ENOUGH TO ADDRESS ME BY MY FIRST NAME --
-- EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE JUST LIKE ME! THAT'S THE TRUTH, ISN'T IT?
"THE TRUTH"? YOU CAN'T HANDLE THE TRUTH!
STOP DOING JACK NICHOLSON! THAT'S OVER!


GIVE ME ONE GOOD REASON WHY I SHOULDN'T FINISH YOU OFF ONCE AND FOR ALL, RIGHT NOW!
MERCHANDISING.
YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE YOUR BEST VILLAIN.


HE'S RIGHT. THE WARNER STORES WOULD NEVER FORGIVE ME.
MAYBE WE'LL JUST EXCHANGE BAD JOKES AND NOTE HOW MUCH ALIKE WE ARE FOR A FEW PAGES...
THERE HE IS!
BATMAN! WE NEED YOUR HELP! ALL OF US ARE MENACED BY A CRISIS OF INFINITE PROPORTIONS!

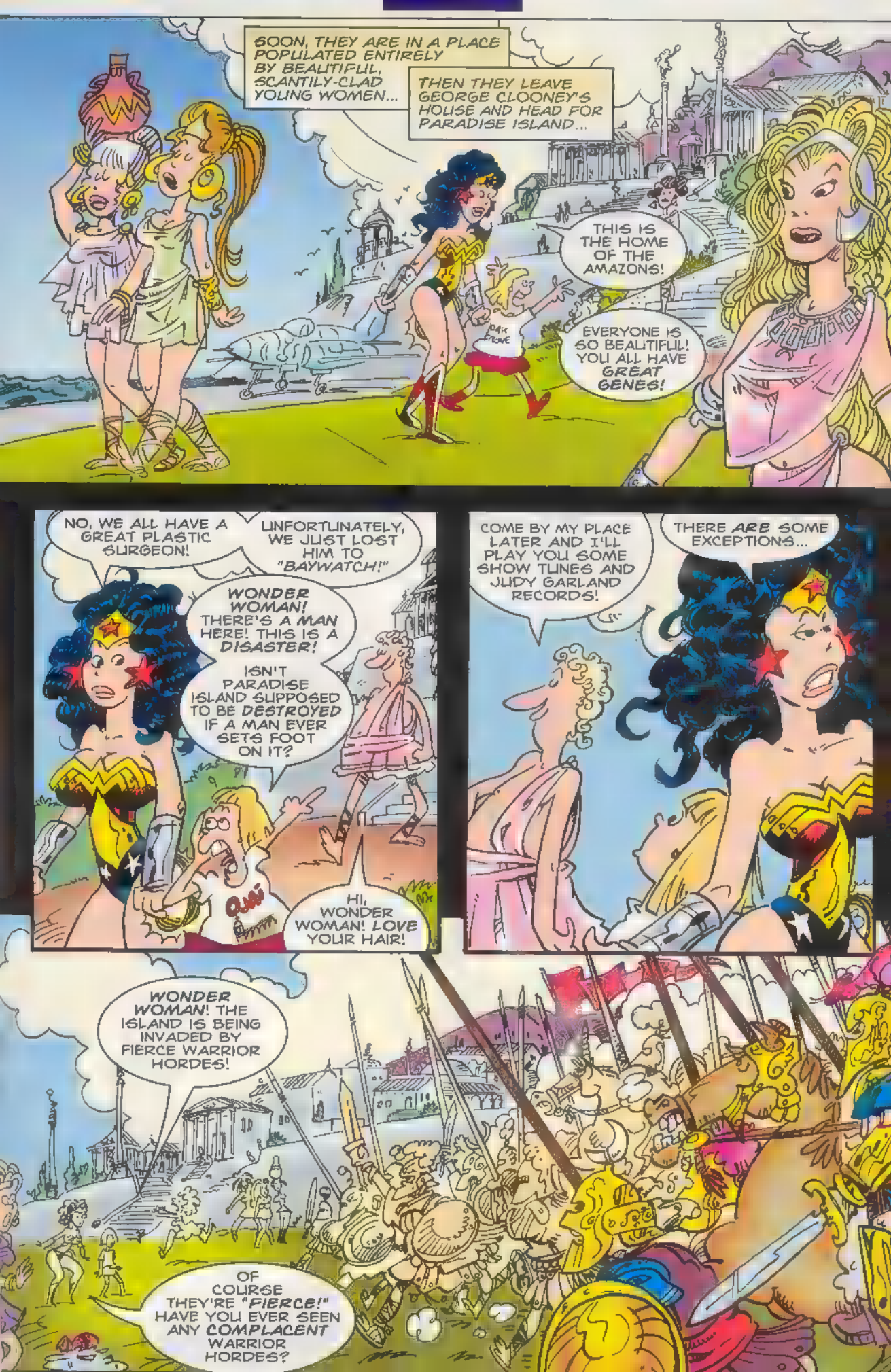

ALL RIGHT, JOKER! I'LL SETTLE WITH YOU NEXT ISSUE -- OR MAYBE OVER IN DETECTIVE COMICS!
BETTER HURRY! IF MY GRIN GETS ANY WIDER, I MAY WIND UP SWALLOWING MY EARS!

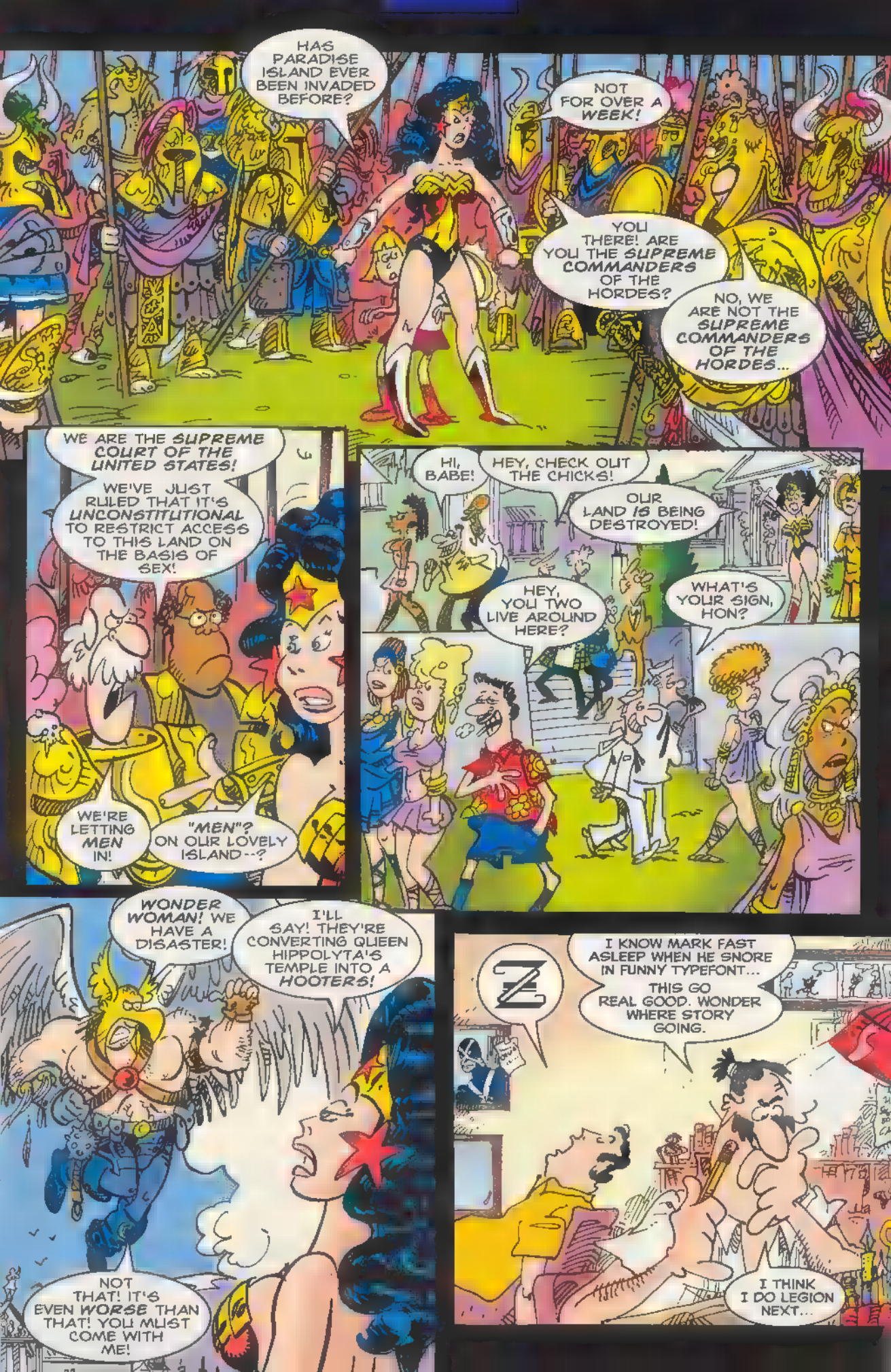

AH, I DO DEFINITIVE BATMAN STORY... PERFECTLY CAPTURE TRUE ESSENCE OF CHARACTER! YOU NO THINK SO, MARK?
BOB KANE WILL BE IN TEARS!
-- THOUGH MAYBE NOT FOR THE REASON YOU THINK.
I DO WONDER WOMAN NEXT --!

WONDER WOMAN
BEAUTIFUL AS APHRODITE! WISE AS ATHENA! STRONG AS HERCULES! NO, ITS NOT RICHARD SIMMONS! IT'S...
EARLY ONE MORNING, WONDER WOMAN COMES UPON A CRIME IN PROGRESS...
I USED TO LOOK LIKE THAT.
BY SEUSS! A MAN WITH A GUN!
IS IT A MUGGING OR ARE THEY TELLING BATMAN'S ORIGIN AGAIN?
SHE LEAPS DOWN FROM... WELL, JUST WHERE IS SHE LEAPING DOWN FROM? SUPER-HEROES ARE ALWAYS DOING THIS... COMING DOWN OUT OF NOWHERE...
IT'S LIKE WHEN SOMEONE GOES SWINGING FROM BUILDING TO BUILDING. WHAT IS THE ROPE ATTACHED TO? HOW DOES IT GET FROM ONE MOORING POINT TO ANOTHER?
YOU'D THINK SOMEONE WOULD SPEND A LITTLE TIME TO FIGURE THIS STUFF OUT BUT... OH, SORRY, I GET CARRIED AWAY SOMETIMES. WHERE WERE WE? OH, RIGHT...

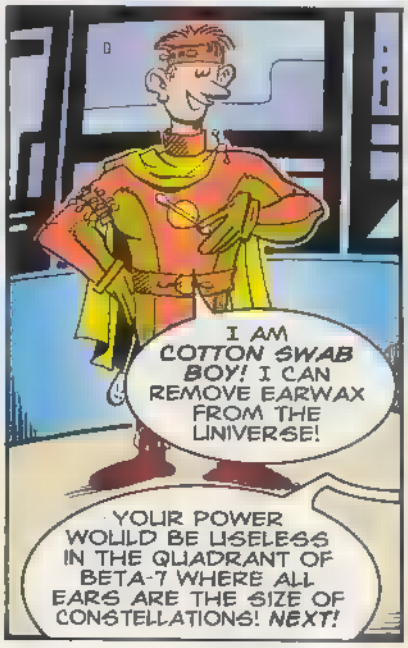
DROP THAT GUN OR I SHALL KICK YOU IN THE STOMACH. OR WORSE.
I'M NOT WORRIED. YOU'RE TOO FAR AWAY TO KICK ME!
YOU FORGET HOW LONG THEY DREW MY LEGS ■ SOME PANELS!
OOF!
-- AND I DO MEAN OOF!
I SOME-TIMES NEED BINOCULARS TO SEE IF MY TOENAILS ARE PAINTED!
IF I HAVE TO ARREST YOU AGAIN, I WILL TIE YOU UP AND BEAT YOU!
"TIE HIM UP?"
"BEAT HIM?"
YOU WILL NEVER KNOW HOW MUCH THIS HURTS!
"ARREST" ME!
ME!
NO, ME!
AND WEAR THE BOOTS WHEN YOU DO IT!
NEXT TIME, INSTEAD OF SAVING ME --
-- COULD YOU DO TO ME WHAT YOU DID TO HIM?
I'VE BEEN PAYING A LADY IN NEW JERSEY TO TIE ME UP...
HEY, WONDER WOMAN! IS IT TRUE YOUR MAGIC LASSO FORCES A PERSON TO TELL THE TRUTH?
YES! I SHALL DEMONSTRATE...

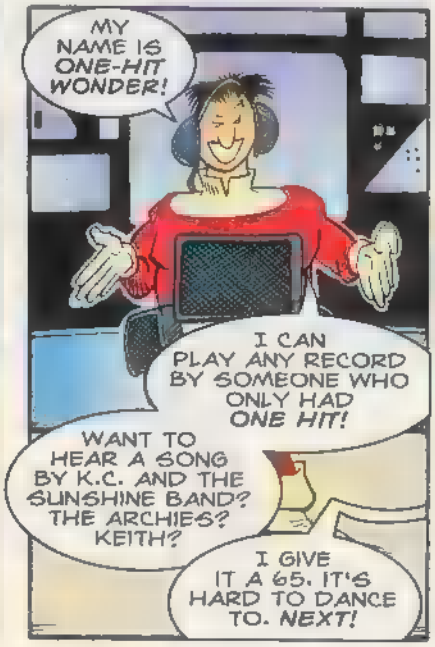
OBSERVE THAT USED CAR SALESMAN --!
THIS IS A TOP-OF-THE-LINE "PREVIOUSLY OWNED" BLUE RIBBON VEHICLE, SIR...
AND WE HAVE A TERRIFIC "EASY FINANCING" PLAN!
NOW, HE SHALL HAVE TO TELL THE TRUTH!
UH... AS I WAS SAYING... UH...
THIS CAR IS A PIECE OF JUNK WE GOT FROM A DEMOLITION DERBY, IT'S BEEN ON FIRE SIX TIMES, AND OUR FINANCING CONTRACT WILL HAVE YOU MAKING PAYMENTS UNTIL THE YEAR 2137!
-- AND, OH YES, I'M CHEATING ON MY WIFE AND I'M WEARING A HAIRPIECE!
IT WORKS GREAT EXCEPT FOR THAT ONE TIME I ROPED A U.S. SENATOR...
YOU EVER SEE A LASSO EXPLODE?
NEAT! CAN I GET A TOUR OF PARADISE ISLAND?
SURE THING! AND YOU EVEN GET TO RIDE THERE IN MY GLASS PLANE.
I THOUGHT YOU GOT RID OF YOUR GLASS PLANE YEARS AGO!
I DID BUT SERGIO WANTED TO DRAW IT. IT GETS GREAT GAS MILEAGE BUT I SPENT A FORTUNE ON WINDEX!


SOON, THEY ARE IN A PLACE POPULATED ENTIRELY BY BEAUTIFUL, SCANTILY-CLAD YOUNG WOMEN...
THEN THEY LEAVE GEORGE CLOONEY'S HOUSE AND HEAD FOR PARADISE ISLAND...
THIS IS THE HOME OF THE AMAZONS!
EVERYONE IS SO BEAUTIFUL! YOU ALL HAVE GREAT GENES!
NO, WE ALL HAVE A GREAT PLASTIC SURGEON!
UNFORTUNATELY, WE JUST LOST HIM TO "BAYWATCH!"
WONDER WOMAN! THERE'S A MAN HERE! THIS IS A DISASTER!
ISN'T PARADISE ISLAND SUPPOSED TO BE DESTROYED IF A MAN EVER SETS FOOT ON IT?
HI, WONDER WOMAN! LOVE YOUR HAIR!
COME BY MY PLACE LATER AND I'LL PLAY YOU SOME SHOW TUNES AND JUDY GARLAND RECORDS!
THERE ARE SOME EXCEPTIONS...
WONDER WOMAN! THE ISLAND IS BEING INVADED BY FIERCE WARRIOR HORDES!
OF COURSE THEY'RE "FIERCE!" HAVE YOU EVER SEEN ANY COMPLACENT WARRIOR HORDES?

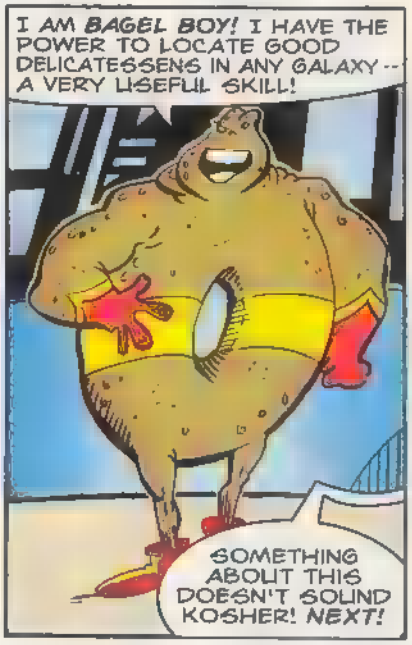

HAS PARADISE ISLAND EVER BEEN INVADED BEFORE?
NOT FOR OVER A WEEK!
YOU THERE! ARE YOU THE SUPREME COMMANDERS OF THE HORDES?
NO, WE ARE NOT THE SUPREME COMMANDERS OF THE HORDES...
WE ARE THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES!
WE'VE JUST RULED THAT IT'S UNCONSTITUTIONAL TO RESTRICT ACCESS TO THIS LAND ON THE BASIS OF SEX!
WE'RE LETTING MEN IN!
"MEN"? ON OUR LOVELY ISLAND--?
HI, BABE!
HEY, CHECK OUT THE CHICKS!
OUR LAND IS BEING DESTROYED!
HEY, YOU TWO LIVE AROUND HERE?
WHAT'S YOUR SIGN, HON?
WONDER WOMAN! WE HAVE A DISASTER!
I'LL SAY! THEY'RE CONVERTING QUEEN HIPPOLYTA'S TEMPLE INTO A HOOTERS!
NOT THAT! IT'S EVEN WORSE THAN THAT! YOU MUST COME WITH ME!
Z
I KNOW MARK FAST ASLEEP WHEN HE SNORE IN FUNNY TYPEFONT...
THIS GO REAL GOOD. WONDER WHERE STORY GOING.
I THINK I DO LEGION NEXT...

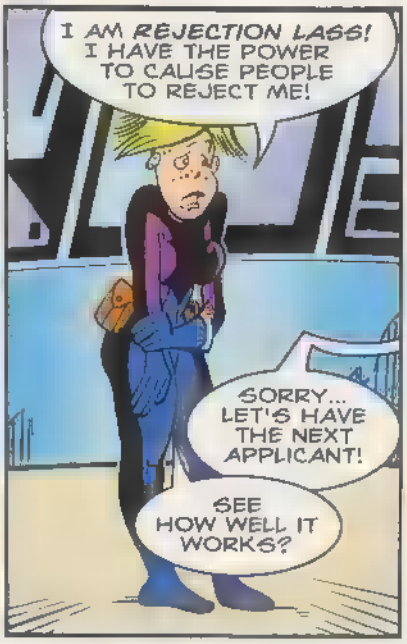
IT IS THE THIRTIETH CENTURY. INTERPLANETARY TRAVEL IS COMMONPLACE, ALL DISEASE HAS BEEN ELIMINATED, AND THE EVERYDAY BUNNY IS STILL GOING, AND GOING, AND GOING...
Legion OF SUPER-HEROES
AT LEGION HEADQUARTERS, A CHILDISH RITUAL OF PEER GROUP REJECTION IS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY...
THIS IS OUR FIRST APPLICANT FOR MEMBERSHIP ■ THE LEGION!
STEP UP, APPLICANT AND DESCRIBE YOUR SUPER-POWER SO THAT WE MAY REFUSE YOU AND TRAMPLE ON YOUR EGO!
WE MAY BE THE GREATEST HEROES ■ THE GALAXY BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN'T ACT LIKE SNOTTY COLLEGE KIDS!
AND IT'S NOT LIKE WE HAVE HIGH-STANDARDS. WE ONCE ACCEPTED MATTER-EATER LAD!
...AND BOUNCING BOY!
BOUNCING BOY ISN'T A MEMBER ANYMORE? EVEN I CAN'T KEEP TRACK OF WHO'S IN THIS GROUP ANYMORE!
WHERE IS B.B. THESE DAYS?
HE WENT INTO THE BANKING BUSINESS!
STRANGE THING ABOUT HIM -- HIS CHECKS ARE GOOD BUT HE BOUNCES!

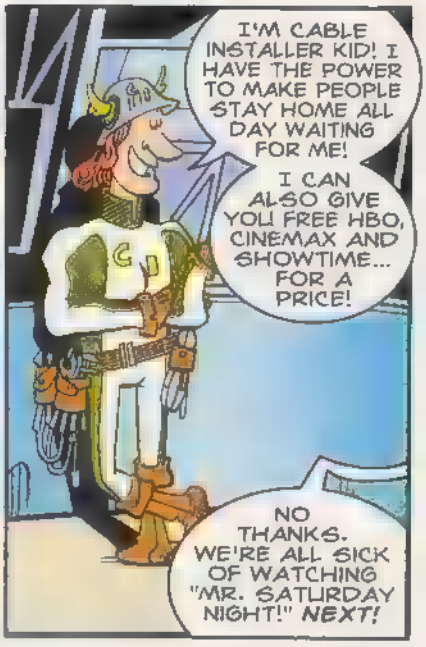

I AM COTTON SWAB BOY! I CAN REMOVE EARWAX FROM THE UNIVERSE!
YOUR POWER WOULD BE USELESS IN THE QUADRANT OF BETA-7 WHERE ALL EARS ARE THE SIZE OF CONSTELLATIONS! NEXT!

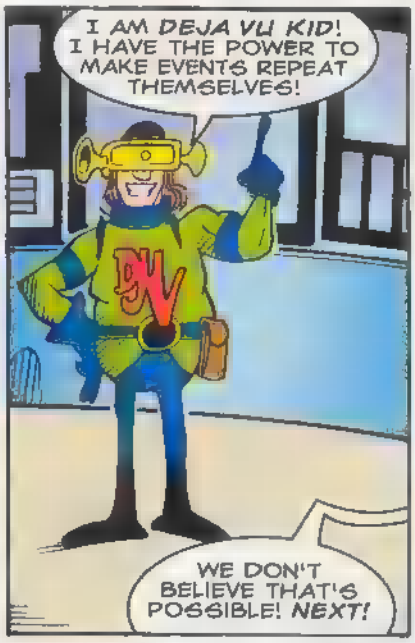

MY NAME IS ONE-HIT WONDER!
I CAN PLAY ANY RECORD BY SOMEONE WHO ONLY HAD ONE HIT!
WANT TO HEAR A SONG BY K.C. AND THE SUNSHINE BAND? THE ARCHIES? KEITH?
I GIVE IT A 65. IT'S HARD TO DANCE TO. NEXT!

I AM DEJA VU KID! I HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE EVENTS REPEAT THEMSELVES!
WE DON'T BELIEVE THAT'S POSSIBLE! NEXT!


I AM BAGEL BOY! I HAVE THE POWER TO LOCATE GOOD DELICATESSENS IN ANY GALAXY -- A VERY USEFUL SKILL!
SOMETHING ABOUT THIS DOESN'T SOUND KOSHER! NEXT!


I AM REJECTION LASS! I HAVE THE POWER TO CAUSE PEOPLE TO REJECT ME!
SORRY... LET'S HAVE THE NEXT APPLICANT!
SEE HOW WELL IT WORKS?


I'M CABLE INSTALLER KID! I HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE PEOPLE STAY HOME ALL DAY WAITING FOR ME!
I CAN ALSO GIVE YOU FREE HBO, CINEMAX AND SHOWTIME... FOR A PRICE!
NO THANKS. WE'RE ALL SICK OF WATCHING "MR. SATURDAY NIGHT!" NEXT!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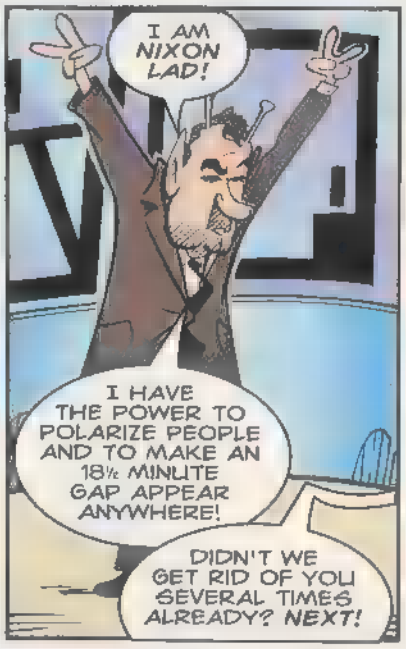
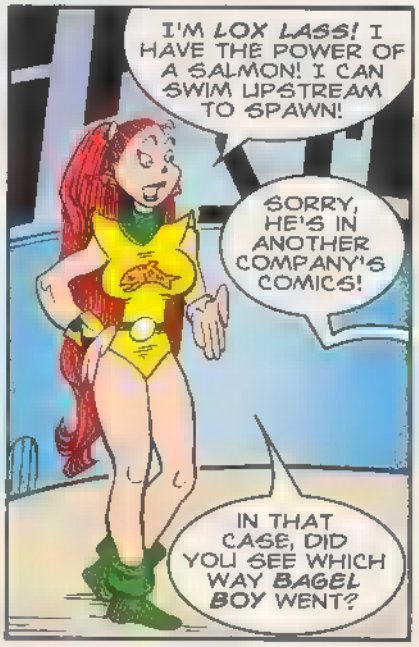
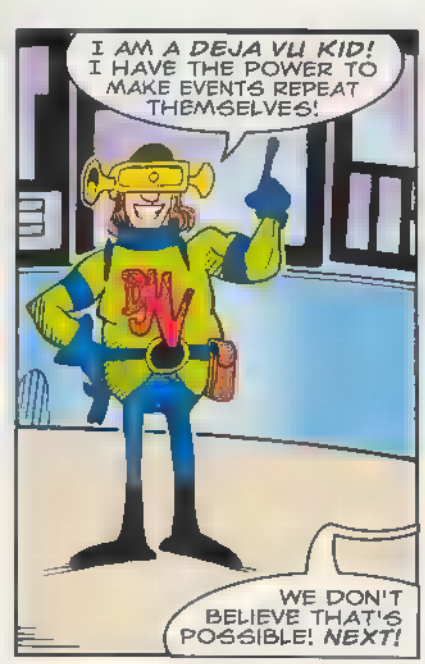

I AM NIXON LAD!
I HAVE THE POWER TO POLARIZE PEOPLE AND TO MAKE AN 18½ MINUTE GAP APPEAR ANYWHERE!
DIDN'T WE GET RID OF YOU SEVERAL TIMES ALREADY? NEXT!


I'M LOX LASS! I HAVE THE POWER OF A SALMON! I CAN SWIM UPSTREAM TO SPAWN!
SORRY, HE'S IN ANOTHER COMPANY'S COMICS!
IN THAT CASE, DID YOU SEE WHICH WAY BAGEL BOY WENT?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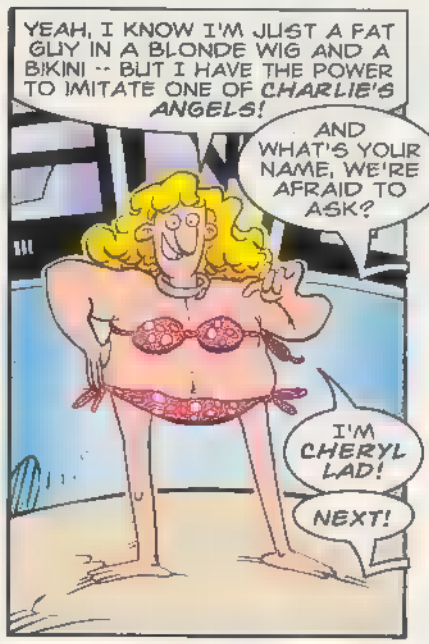
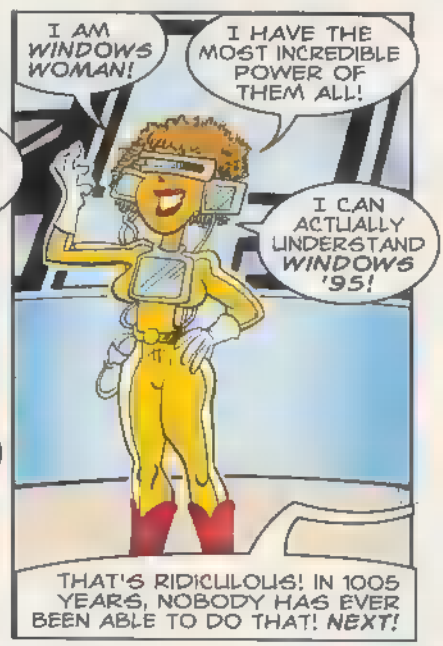
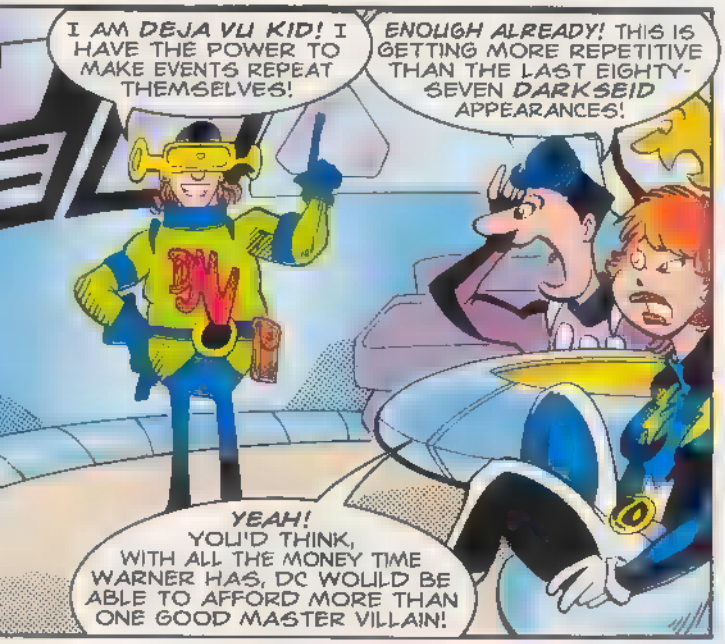
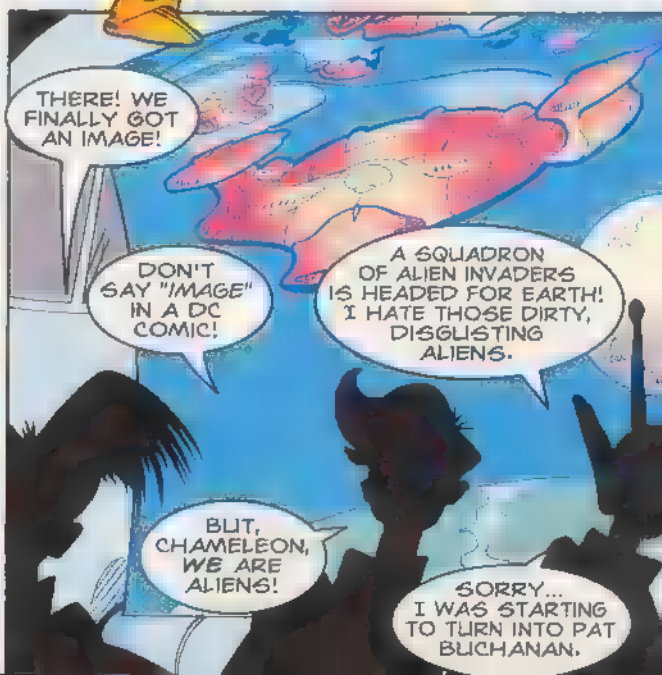

YEAH, I KNOW I'M JUST A FAT GUY IN A BLONDE WIG AND A BIKINI -- BUT I HAVE THE POWER TO IMITATE ONE OF CHARLIE'S ANGELS!
AND WHAT'S YOUR NAME, WE'RE AFRAID TO ASK?
I'M CHERYL LAD!
NEXT!


I AM WINDOWS WOMAN!
I HAVE THE MOST INCREDIBLE POWER OF THEM ALL!
I CAN ACTUALLY UNDERSTAND WINDOWS '95!
THAT'S RIDICULOUS! IN 1005 YEARS, NOBODY HAS EVER BEEN ABLE TO DO THAT! NEXT!


I AM DEJA VU KID! I HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE EVENTS REPEAT THEMSELVES!
ENOUGH ALREADY! THIS IS GETTING MORE REPETITIVE THAN THE LAST EIGHTY-SEVEN DARKSEID APPEARANCES!
YEAH! YOU'D THINK, WITH ALL THE MONEY TIME WARNER HAS, DC WOULD BE ABLE TO AFFORD MORE THAN ONE GOOD MASTER VILLAIN!

EVERYONE! I JUST SAW THE MOST HORRIBLE, BONE-CHILLING THING IMAGINABLE ON THE TELEVISION!
I THOUGHT THEY CANCELLED GERALDO IN 1997!
MAYBE THEY FINALLY LET LETTERMAN HOST THE OSCARS AGAIN!

NO! TAKE A LOOK AT THE VIEWER SCREEN!
THERE'S NOTHING ON IT!
MAYBE WE SHOULD HAVE ACCEPTED CABLE INSTALLER KID!


THERE! WE FINALLY GOT AN IMAGE!
DON'T SAY "IMAGE" IN A DC COMIC!
A SQUADRON OF ALIEN INVADERS IS HEADED FOR EARTH! I HATE THOSE DIRTY, DISGUSTING ALIENS.
BUT, CHAMELEON, WE ARE ALIENS!
SORRY... I WAS STARTING TO TURN INTO PAT BUCHANAN.

WE ARE ALL HERE TO HELP WITH THIS CRISIS!
ARE ALL THESE PEOPLE MEMBERS?
ARE YOU KIDDING? THIS TEAM HAS HAD MORE MEMBERS THAN THE CAST OF SATURDAY NIGHT LIVE -- AND LATELY, WE'RE FUNNIER!
EAGER EYES TURN SKYWARD AS THE FLAGSHIP OF THE ALIEN INVASION ALIGHTS...
...THEN IS FORCED TO MOVE ACROSS THE AVENUE DUE TO ALTERNATE-SIDE-OF-THE-STREET PARKING REGULATIONS...
WELL, AT LEAST THEY KNOW HOW TO READ SIGNS --!
SLOWLY, A HATCH OPENS, AND THERE EMERGES A BEING SO HIDEOUS THAT HIS FACE MADE THE EDITORS OF FANGORIA UPCHUCK...
I am here to accept the surrender of the Legion of Super-Heroes...
WHICH OF YOU IS THE LEADER?
I AM!
I marvel at your lack of organization!
DON'T SAY MARVEL IN A DC COMIC!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, YOU'RE THE LEADER?! I'M THE LEADER!
I WAS ELECTED LEADER LAST MONTH!
THAT WAS A FLASHBACK SCENE! I'M THE LEADER NOW!
YOU'RE BOTH WRONG! I WON THE LAST ELECTION!
NO, YOU WON THE ELECTION BEFORE LAST! I SWEPT THE BALLOT BOX!
HEY, I WAS IN THE BALLOT BOX!
IT'S MY TURN TO BE LEADER THIS YEAR!
I AM THE LEADER!
YOU WERE LEADER THREE YEARS AGO!
THIS reminds me OF THE PSYCHO-WAR OF THE RABID BEASTS OF ALPHA-7...
I'M THE LEADER FROM NOW UNTIL THE NEXT ANNUAL!
EITHER THAT OR THE 1996 REPUBLICAN CONVENTION!
I TURN INVISIBLE ANY TIME THE ARTIST GETS LAZY!
HEY! THIS ISN'T A FAIR FIGHT!
IT DOESN'T MATTER! NO ONE IS EVER HARMED IN A COMIC-BOOK FIGHT SCENE!
THIS IS FUN! I'M GLAD I LEFT THE BANKING BUSINESS!
I WON THE LEADERSHIP! I WAS THE DARK HORSE IN THE ELECTION!
DON'T SAY -- Oh, NEVER MIND!

THIS IS ■ CINCH! WHILE THEY BATTLE THINGS OUT, WE WILL CONQUER THE EARTH, PLUNDER ITS RESOURCES AND ENSLAVE ALL MANKIND!
MAYBE THEN THEY'LL LET US PARK ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE STREET!
EVERYONE! THEY WILL KILL US!
HAWKMAN! YOU'RE ■ THE WRONG TIME PERIOD!
ALSO, THE WRONG COMIC BOOK!
YOU MUST HELP ME! WHICH ONE OF YOU IS THE LEADER?
LET'S NOT GET STARTED ON THAT AGAIN!
WHO IS TRYING TO KILL US?
I CANNOT TELL YOU! I CANNOT TELL YOU BECAUSE IT IS TOO HORRIBLE!
AND ALSO BECAUSE SERGIO HASN'T FIGURED THAT PART OUT YET!
IN THAT CASE, LET'S GO BACK TO FIGHTING!
YAWN/ WHAT A STRANGE DREAM.
I DREAMED THAT YOU WERE TRAPPED ON PAGE THIRTY-TWO OF AN OVERPRICED DELUXE COMIC WITH NO ENDING IN MIND!
HA-HA! VERY FUNNY! GO BACK TO SLEEP!
I FIGURE OUT WHO VILLAIN IS BEFORE I GET TO END... I HOPE.

SOON, VARIOUS HEROES ARE ASSEMBLING ON ONE OF THOSE BARREN ALIEN WORLDS WHERE HEROES ASSEMBLE FOR MAJOR CROSSOVER STORIES...
ALL HAVE ASSEMBLED IN ANSWER TO HAWKMAN'S FEAR OF A VILLAIN SO UNEXPECTED THAT EVEN SERGIO HASN'T FIGURED OUT YET WHO IT IS...
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF SUCH A THING IN ALL THE TIME I'VE BEEN A GREEN LANTERN...
...ALMOST A WEEK AND A HALF!
HAWKMAN SAYS SOMEONE IS OUT TO KILL US!
HAVE THERE BEEN ANY ATTEMPTS?
IT SEEMS TO ME MANY OF US HAVE EXPERIENCED DISASTERS...

IT STARTED WITH THAT CRISIS THING! SUPERGIRL WAS KILLED AND SO WAS BARRY ALLEN...
...WE MUST SAVE THE WORLD...
NOOOOOOOO
AND REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED TO HAL JORDAN, THE OLD GREEN LANTERN...
SUDDENLY, ONE DAY, HE WAS A COUPLE OF FRIES SHORT OF A HAPPY MEAL -- AND I HAD TO TAKE OVER THE RING...
YOU WANT TO TALK DISASTER -- WHAT ABOUT ME?
Arrrrhhhh!
IT'S LIKE EVERY SUMMER, THERE'S SOME SORT OF BIG DISASTER IN OUR UNIVERSE AND ONE OF US GETS KILLED OR MAIMED...

AND GREEN ARROW IS DEAD, TOO... I THINK.

HEY, I HAD TROUBLES TOO! YOU ALL REMEMBER MY *DEATH?* IT MADE ALL THE PAPERS!

ISN'T THAT JUST LIKE SUPERMAN? ALWAYS HAS TO *TOP* EVERYONE ELSE!

THIS IS A REAL SPINE-TINGLER...

DON'T REMIND ME! THEY BROKE MY BACK!

SO, "WORLD'S GREATEST DETECTIVE"...

GET BUSY AND FIGURE OUT WHO'S BEHIND THIS!

I WILL! AND I'LL USE MY PREFERRED METHOD OF GETTING TO THE BOTTOM OF MYSTERIES...

I'LL GO SWING AROUND ALLEYS AND SCARE THE HELL OUT OF DERELICTS UNTIL I GET AN ANSWER!

HOW DID THIS CLOWN EVER WIND UP ■ *DETECTIVE COMICS?*

THINK, EVERYONE! WHO HAS A MOTIVE TO RITUALLY MURDER OR INJURE ALL OF US?

THERE'S ONLY *ONE* INDIVIDUAL WHO COULD HAVE ENGINEERED ALL THIS...

FIND OUT WHO'S EDITOR-IN-CHIEF AT MARVEL THIS WEEK!

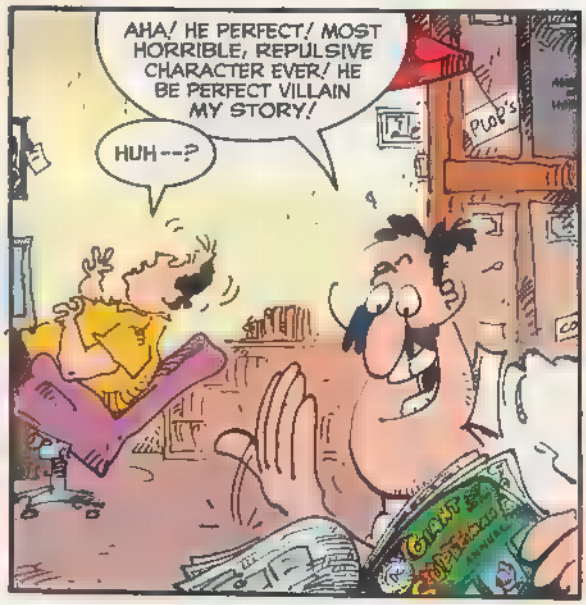
NO! THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE WITH A REASON TO SEE US ALL DEAD... SOMEONE *SINISTER* AND DIABOLICAL ENOUGH TO PLAN IT ALL...

THE PERSON BEHIND IT ALL IS...

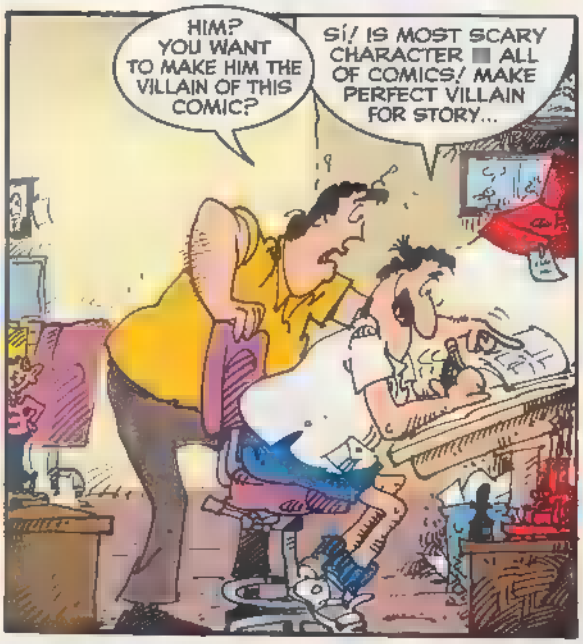
HMM... PERSON BEHIND IT ALL...

GUESS I BETTER DECIDE ON VILLAIN. I LOOK THROUGH OLD COMICS...

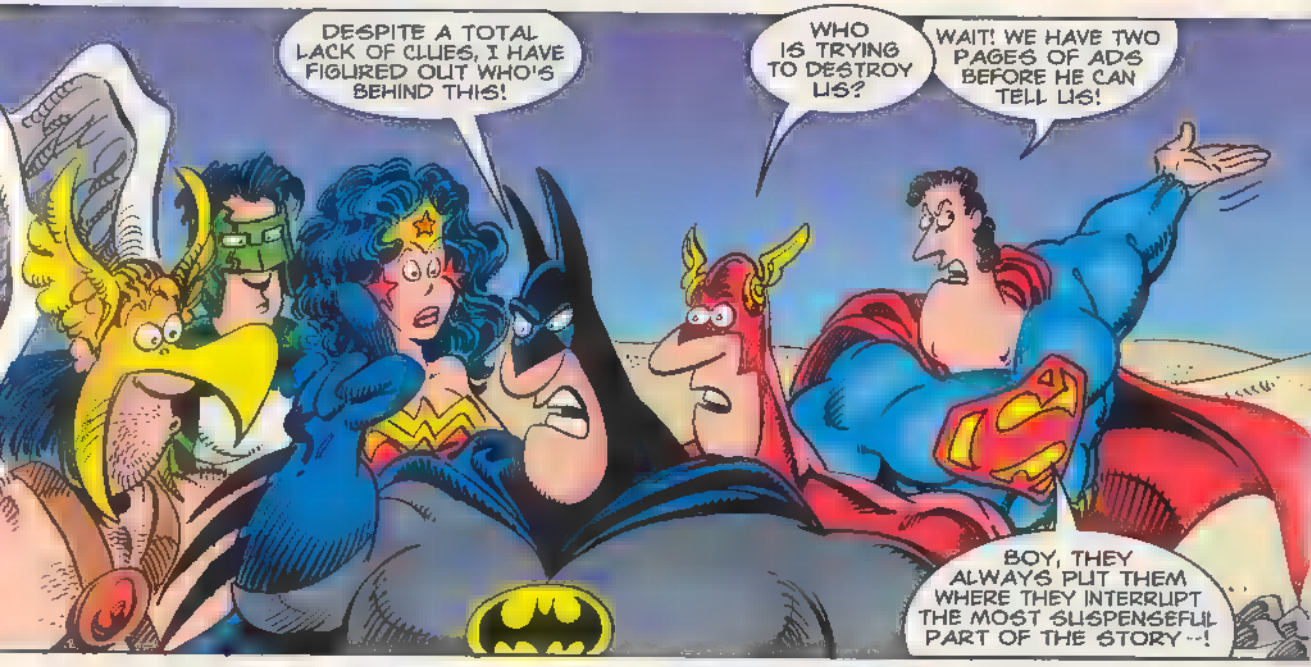
I MUST FIND MOST DISGUSTING, LOATHSOME VILLAIN IN ALL DC HISTORY...

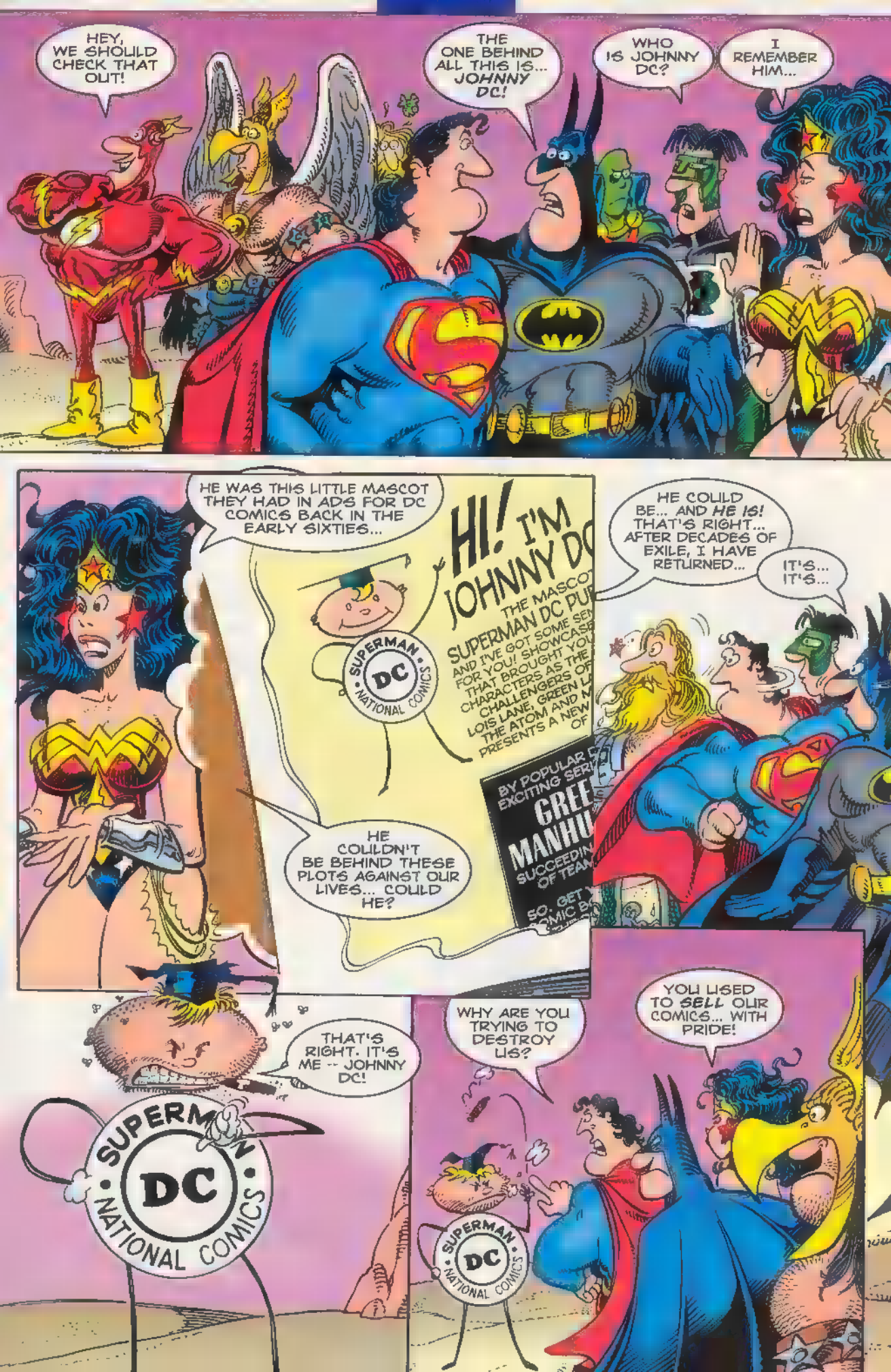

AHA! HE PERFECT! MOST HORRIBLE, REPULSIVE CHARACTER EVER! HE BE PERFECT VILLAIN MY STORY!
HUH--?
Plop's

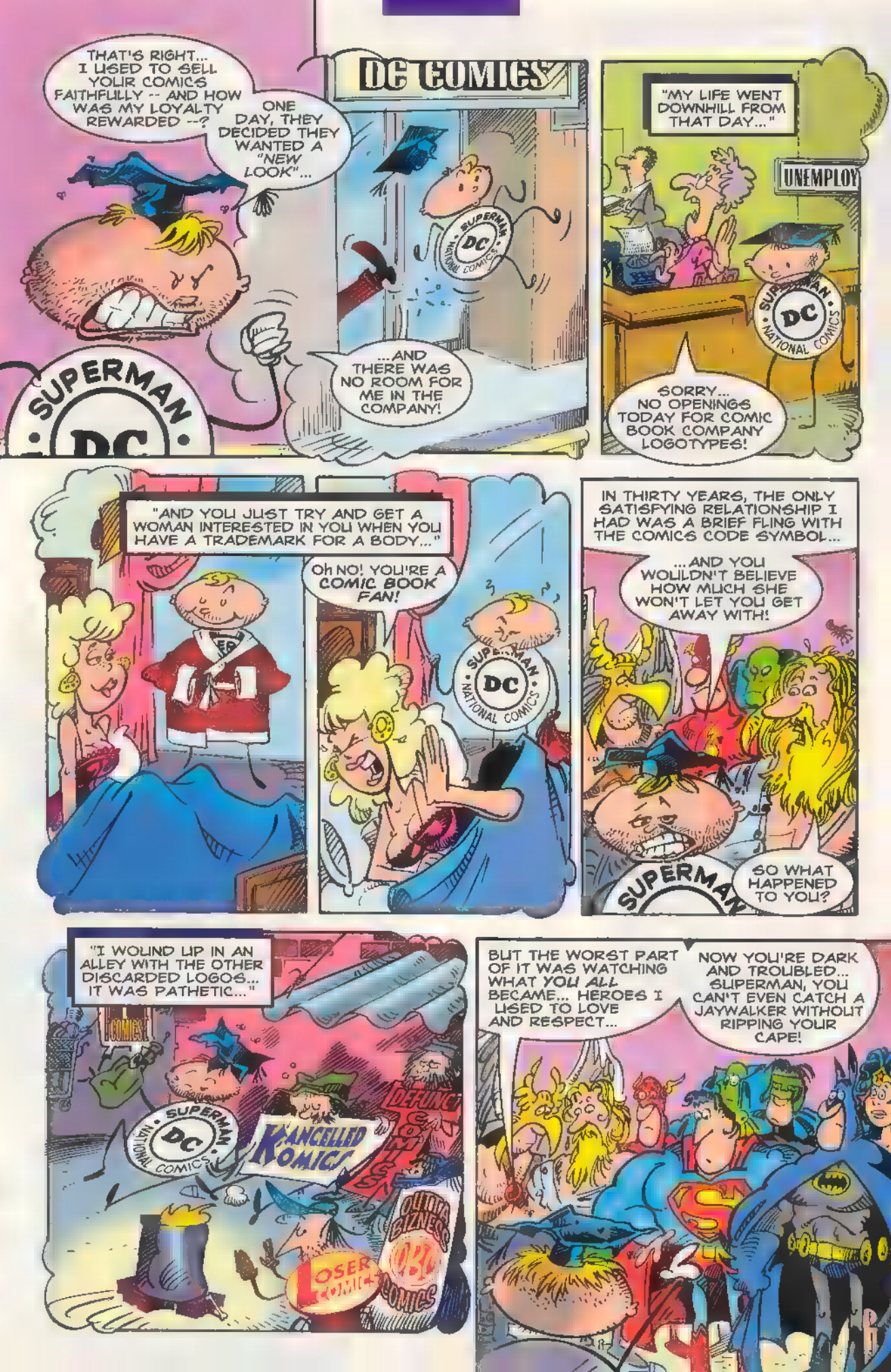
I DREAMED PAT BUCHANAN WAS USING THIS COMIC AS AN ARGUMENT TO RESTRICT IMMIGRATION.
OH, YOU SEE WHAT I COME UP WITH! YOU BE SO EXCITED, MARK! I FIND PERFECT SURPRISE VILLAIN!


HIM? YOU WANT TO MAKE HIM THE VILLAIN OF THIS COMIC?
SÍ! IS MOST SCARY CHARACTER ■ ALL OF COMICS! MAKE PERFECT VILLAIN FOR STORY...

YOU START WRITING DIALOGUE...
YOU HAVE BATMAN SAY SOMETHING LIKE...


DESPITE A TOTAL LACK OF CLUES, I HAVE FIGURED OUT WHO'S BEHIND THIS!
WHO IS TRYING TO DESTROY US?
WAIT! WE HAVE TWO PAGES OF ADS BEFORE HE CAN TELL US!
BOY, THEY ALWAYS PUT THEM WHERE THEY INTERRUPT THE MOST SUSPENSEFUL PART OF THE STORY--!


HEY, WE SHOULD CHECK THAT OUT!
THE ONE BEHIND ALL THIS IS... JOHNNY DC!
WHO IS JOHNNY DC?
I REMEMBER HIM...
HE WAS THIS LITTLE MASCOT THEY HAD IN ADS FOR DC COMICS BACK IN THE EARLY SIXTIES...
HI! I'M JOHNNY DC
SUPERMAN DC NATIONAL COMICS
HE COULDN'T BE BEHIND THESE PLOTS AGAINST OUR LIVES... COULD HE?
HE COULD BE... AND HE IS! THAT'S RIGHT... AFTER DECADES OF EXILE, I HAVE RETURNED...
IT'S... IT'S...
THAT'S RIGHT. IT'S ME -- JOHNNY DC!
SUPERMAN DC NATIONAL COMICS
WHY ARE YOU TRYING TO DESTROY US?
YOU USED TO SELL OUR COMICS... WITH PRIDE!
SUPERMAN DC NATIONAL COMICS


THAT'S RIGHT... I USED TO SELL YOUR COMICS FAITHFULLY -- AND HOW WAS MY LOYALTY REWARDED --?
ONE DAY, THEY DECIDED THEY WANTED A "NEW LOOK"...
DC COMICS
...AND THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR ME IN THE COMPANY!
SUPERMAN DC NATIONAL COMICS
"MY LIFE WENT DOWNHILL FROM THAT DAY..."
UNEMPLOY
SORRY... NO OPENINGS TODAY FOR COMIC BOOK COMPANY LOGOTYPES!
"AND YOU JUST TRY AND GET A WOMAN INTERESTED IN YOU WHEN YOU HAVE A TRADEMARK FOR A BODY..."
Oh NO! YOU'RE A COMIC BOOK FAN!
IN THIRTY YEARS, THE ONLY SATISFYING RELATIONSHIP I HAD WAS A BRIEF FLING WITH THE COMICS CODE SYMBOL...
...AND YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE HOW MUCH SHE WON'T LET YOU GET AWAY WITH!
SO WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
"I WOUND UP IN AN ALLEY WITH THE OTHER DISCARDED LOGOS... IT WAS PATHETIC..."
CANCELLED COMICS
DEFUNCT COMICS
OUTOF BIZNESS COMICS
LOSER COMICS
BUT THE WORST PART OF IT WAS WATCHING WHAT YOU ALL BECAME... HEROES I USED TO LOVE AND RESPECT...
NOW YOU'RE DARK AND TROUBLED... SUPERMAN, YOU CAN'T EVEN CATCH A JAYWALKER WITHOUT RIPPING YOUR CAPE!

YOU USED TO STAND FOR SOMETHING BUT YOU'VE ALL CHANGED --
-- SO I'M GOING TO CHANGE --
HE'S... HE'S BEING UPDATED FOR THE NINETIES!
THAT'S RIGHT! I'M NOW PSYCHOTIC AND BADLY-DRAWN!
I FIT RIGHT IN!
HE'S A MONSTER!
WE HAVE TO STOP HIM!
I ADMIRED YOU! I WANTED TO BE LIKE YOU!
YOU'RE DOING A GOOD JOB!
SOON, CHARACTERS ARE ARRIVING FROM ACROSS THE DC UNIVERSE...
WHY DIDN'T SOMEONE TELL US IT WAS TIME FOR ANOTHER BIG CROSSOVER?

BATMAN, YOU'VE BECOME AS PSYCHOTIC AS YOUR VILLAINS... AQUAMAN, YOU WERE ONCE SO NOBLE...
NOT ONE OF YOU IS FIT TO BE A GREEN LANTERN!
AND THEY DON'T EVEN PUBLISH SUPERMAN'S PAL, JIMMY OLSEN ANYMORE -- !
I'M GOING TO DESTROY ALL OF YOU...
THE ONLY THING DC WILL HAVE LEFT TO PUBLISH WILL BE SUGAR AND SPIKE...
I ONLY PRAY NO ONE'S DONE AN "UPDATE" ON THEM!
AFTER YOU'RE ALL DEAD, I'LL GO AFTER THE MARVEL HEROES SINCE YOU'RE ALL IN THE SAME UNIVERSE NOW!
BATMAN, THINK OF SOMETHING! HE'S GOING TO ANNIHILATE US ALL!
YOU'VE GOT UNTIL AFTER THE NEXT TWO PAGES OF ADS TO COME UP WITH A WAY TO BEAT HIM!

WELL --
I THINK I'LL GO OUT AND BUY A CD PLAYER!
A WHAT?
I KNEW BATMAN WAS OUT OF HIS MIND, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW HE WAS CRAZY!
I EVEN KNOW THE MODEL I WANT! I'LL BUY A CD YNNOHJ!
WHAT IN THE NAME OF MORT WEISINGER IS A CD YNNOHJ?
Oh NO!
HE'S DISAPPEARING!
HE DIDN'T KNOW YOU SHOULD NEVER SAY YOUR NAME BACKWARDS IN A DC COMIC!
HE'S GOING BACK TO THE FIFTH DIMENSION... OR SOME OTHER OLD SINGING GROUP!
BUT YOU KNOW I ALMOST FEEL SORRY FOR HIM...
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, SUPERMAN. HE DID KNOW US IN OUR NOBLER DAYS...
Aah, HE'S NUTS, YOU GUYS ARE ALL CUTTING-EDGE TODAY!
MAYBE SO... BUT I COULD TRY NOT TO GET MY COSTUME RIPPED SO OFTEN...
I COULD TRY BEING A LITTLE LESS CRAZED THAN MY VILLAINS...
ALL US HEROINES COULD GET COSMETIC SURGERY TO HUMAN PROPORTIONS...

THAT'S THE LAST PAGE OF DIALOGUE, SERGIO! YOU, Uh, CHANGED SOME OF THESE CHARACTERS A LITTLE...
I MAKE BETTER!
BUT MOST READERS NOT NOTICE SUBTLE CHANGES! I PROVE I DO SUPER-HEROES JUST LIKE YOUNG, HOT ARTISTS!

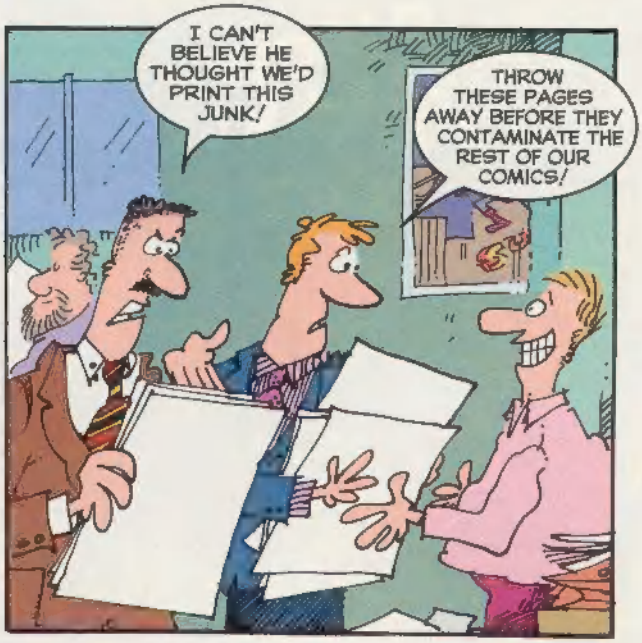
DC IS NEVER GOING TO PRINT THESE STORIES!
YOU WRONG, MARK! THEY PRINT! MAYBE MAKE FANCY GRAPHIC NOVELS WITH FOIL COVERS, HIGH PRICE TAGS...

Ed Sullivan Theater
LATE SHOW
with David Letterman
TAXI
YOU WAIT RIGHT HERE! I DELIVER PAGES, BE BIG HERO! YOU SEE!
THIS SHOULDN'T TAKE LONG...
COMICS
NEWS

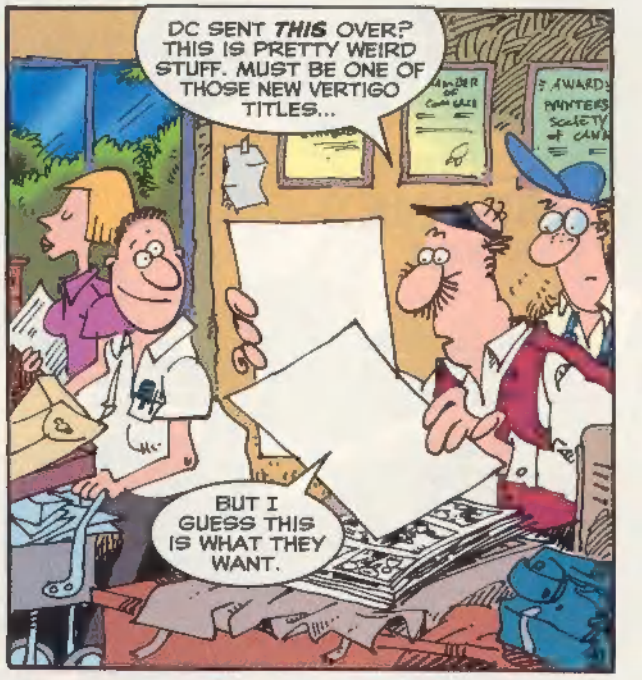
DC
MAYBE HE COULD GET A JOB ACROSS THE STREET WITH SIRAJUL AND MUJIBAR...
HE SPEAKS ENGLISH ABOUT AS WELL...

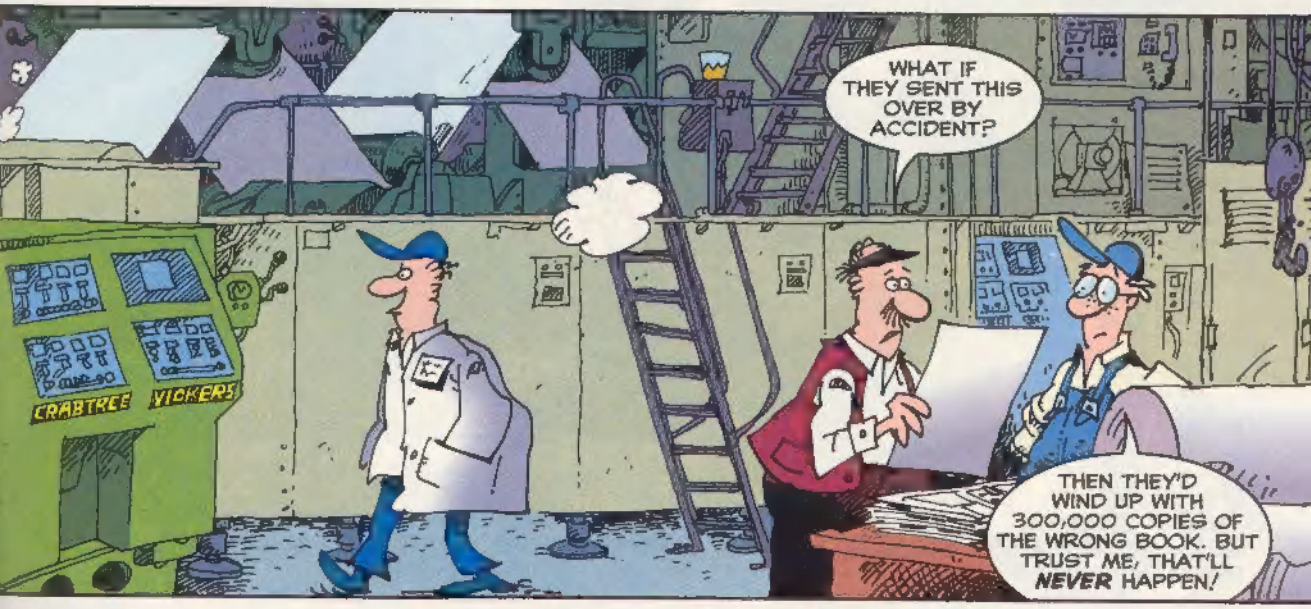
WELL, WELL, WELL... LOOK WHO'S BACK SO SOON --!

OKAY, SO THEY NOT WELCOME ME WITH OPEN ARMS! BUT THEY PRINT PAGES... YOU'LL SEE!
Uh, SEÑOR, I WOULDN'T HOLD MY BREATH...


I CAN'T BELIEVE HE THOUGHT WE'D PRINT THIS JUNK!
THROW THESE PAGES AWAY BEFORE THEY CONTAMINATE THE REST OF OUR COMICS!

WE'RE GOING TO LUNCH! MAKE SURE THAT NEW ISSUE OF *SANDMAN* IS SHIPPED TO THE PRINTER TODAY!
THE MESSENGER IS PICKING IT UP IN AN HOUR!
TO BE SHIPPED
GARBAGE


DC SENT *THIS* OVER? THIS IS PRETTY WEIRD STUFF. MUST BE ONE OF THOSE NEW VERTIGO TITLES...
BUT I GUESS THIS IS WHAT THEY WANT.


WHAT IF THEY SENT THIS OVER BY ACCIDENT?
CRABTREE
VICKERS
THEN THEY'D WIND UP WITH 300,000 COPIES OF THE WRONG BOOK. BUT TRUST ME, THAT'LL *NEVER* HAPPEN!

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